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## CUBA'S PRESIDENT IS GUARDED BY AMERICANS

### CAPTAIN DE BLUMENTHAL'S ABSENCE STARTS CONFLICTING RUMORS

#### WOMAN TELLS OF CRUELTY

Says Husband Made Her an Abject Slave  
Iowa Wife Runs Away From Ancient Spouse

David Clarke Offers Reward for Capture of Recreant One, Who in Turn Describes Revolting Conditions

**REWARD**  
I offer a reward of \$50 for the capture of my wife, Mrs. Carrie Clarke, who eloped with D. C. Stokesberry July 30 from Carlton, Iowa, and went west. If anyone offers information resulting in her arrest I will give a reward of \$50. Signed, David Clarke.

Such was the offer of reward wired west several years ago, upon which Deputy United States Marshal Bert Franklin arrested Mrs. Carrie Clarke and D. C. Stokesberry Wednesday night. Yesterday when they were arraigned in Justice Young's court the woman fairly writhed with indignation when she saw the amount offered by her ancient husband for her capture.

The charge against the woman is a statutory one, alleging that she has been living openly and notoriously as Stokesberry's companion, but since Stokesberry is a divorced man, his offense cannot be more than a misdemeanor in this state and it is thought that the prosecution will find it hard to have the woman held on the fugitive warrant and extradited for trial back in Iowa.

There are always two sides to a story and the public is generally too prone to believe the man's side. But in the case of the arrest of Mrs. Clarke there is much to be said in behalf of the country girl who, when hardly old enough to know the trials of married life, was mated with a man more than twice her age, who had six children by a former marriage.

**Tells Story of Cruelty**  
Here is the story told by the woman to a Herald representative yesterday as she sat in one of the cells at the county jail and discussed her troubles: "This is the first time I have ever been in trouble and naturally my arrest and confinement in this jail have rather unsettled my nerves," said Mrs. Clarke, and her condition was evident. The woman is of the same type of thousands of simple country girls of Iowa and Missouri. She is medium sized and slender, with soft, light red hair and hazel eyes. Her youth is evident in her language.

"It was this way, continued the woman. 'I married Dave Clarke back of '90. I was eighteen years old and he was forty. He had six children by a former wife and all but one were boys. 'I didn't have much to say about the marriage. We were neighbors and Clarke, who has since died, was considered something of a catch, so we were married.

"Then my troubles began in earnest. I was threatened and mistreated so that I very nearly died. There were five grown children in the family. They never referred to me in any other way than 'Red,' because of the color of my hair, and they spent all their time swearing in my presence, singing vile songs and telling vile jokes while their father sat by and did nothing to prevent and called me hard names. He always took the boys' part and it made it very hard for me. In the winter the boys and their father remained in bed while I was compelled to trudge through the snow and feed the cattle in the early morning. I was compelled to do all the cooking, washing, ironing and cleaning for the entire family.

**Refuses to Return**  
"But that was only a small part of my troubles. I gave birth to four children during my six years of married life and because of the ill treatment accorded me, two of the babies died. In each instance I was compelled to do manual labor within three weeks after the babies' births.

"Finally, after I had endured all the abuses I could stand, I told my husband I intended to leave him. He laughed at me and taunted me and dared me to leave, so during July I slipped away and went to Des Moines. There I met Stokesberry, who had been my neighbor. He said that he knew the country out west and that I could make a living out there. He bought me a ticket and told me that he was going to Los Angeles and that I might go along if I would pay him the money for the ticket after we arrived. I promised to do so and we came here, riding all the way in a chair car.

"Since we have been here I have been working with a family named Smith on West Twenty-third street, where I was arrested. Stokesberry has been working at a lumber yard, and I have only seen him occasionally. I defy them to prove any charge of that character against me, but I would rather go to prison than live with that man again."

#### LACK CONFIRMATION OF DE BLUMENTHAL'S KILLING AT ENSENADA



MME. DE BLUMENTHAL

#### Russian Exile's Wife Vanishes Too Ostensibly to Clear Mystery of Her Husband's Absence in Lower California—Reports Alarm Friends in Los Angeles and Pasadena

Rumors and counter rumors only serve to deepen the mystery surrounding the absence of Capt. and Mrs. C. P. de Blumenthal, widely known as the "Little Father" of the Russians.

Telegrams hinted that Capt. de Blumenthal had been accidentally or intentionally killed by Russian or Mexican bandits near Ensenada, Lower California.

It was reported in Los Angeles and Pasadena, where the De Blumenthals live, that Mrs. de Blumenthal had hurried south to investigate the rumors. At the little bungalow in the rear of 35 North Euclid avenue, just back of Hotel La Casa Grande, all is confusion and yet there is no evidence of flight.

**Madame is Missing**  
Madame Vera de Blumenthal has not been seen at this house since Wednesday and the place was literally besieged all day by anxious inquirers desirous of discovering the truth or falsity of the report that Capt. de Blumenthal had been murdered by a Russian colonist near Ensenada.

Capt. de Blumenthal left for this colony some ten days ago, and as far as getting direct news from the Mexican town is concerned he might as well be at the north pole.

A telegram to San Diego brings word that no news of the murder has been received in that city. As San Diego is but seventy-five miles or so north of Ensenada it is believed by the captain's friends that there is no truth in the report.

Dr. J. M. Radebaugh, who occupies the house in front of the one in which the De Blumenthals live, seems to be the last person who saw Madame de Blumenthal in Pasadena. He saw her Wednesday. She said nothing about having received word of her husband's death. Dr. Radebaugh states that Madame de Blumenthal is in the habit of leaving her keys hanging in the front door as they were discovered this evening. He does not believe that any significance can be attached to this fact.

**Telegram Was Unsigned**  
The telegram which brought the news that Capt. de Blumenthal had been murdered was unsigned. This fact only deepens the mystery in the case. Friends of the family are puzzled to know why such a message should be sent unless it should be intended to preface a complete disappearance.

Capt. de Blumenthal is a Russian exile and he has been greatly interested in the founding of a colony of his fellow countrymen near Ensenada. It is at this colony that he is supposed to be on a visit in connection with the work he has undertaken. He left for Ensenada some ten days ago. His wife also takes a lively interest in the Russian settlement near Ensenada and it is rumored that, having received word that her husband had been killed, she at once and hurriedly set out for that place to learn the truth.

#### CHINESE JAILER FOILED

Keeps White Woman Prisoner but She Eludes Captor  
Male Friend Plots to Release Her Though Life in Danger

By Ruse Mysterious Female is Concealed, Whereupon Celestial Tries to Kill Conspirator. Of Good Families

W. G. Williams, a well dressed and suave Chinese, was arrested last night and locked up in the central police station, ostensibly because he was carrying concealed weapons.

Back of the arrest of the Chinese, however, there is a sensational story, involving a white woman, said to be a member of a prominent family, and whom the Celestial is accused of having kept as a white slave.

How long Williams kept this woman imprisoned is not known, but he is thought to have acted as her jailer for at least a month. Several times she tried to escape, but to no avail. Once she took poison, but even the escape of death was denied her, and she recovered.

The woman's name is said by the police to be Lucy Johnson. It is likely, however, that this name is fictitious and that it was given out to protect her family from notoriety. Detective Ziegler, who made the arrest, said the woman was of Spanish blood. Johnson assuredly is not a Spanish name.

**Imprisoned Woman**  
According to Ziegler, the woman, up to about a month ago, had been living with H. T. Williams, a white man, as his wife. Then Williams went to San Diego, and soon after his departure the Chinese Williams, in some way unexplained, got hold of the woman and imprisoned her in his home on Macy street. W. G. Williams, the Chinese, is said to be the proprietor of a resort at 412 North Main street, but the woman was not taken there, being kept at his home instead.

Finally H. T. Williams returned from San Diego. He discovered his wife's whereabouts. Perhaps she got him word. Perhaps he was informed from an outside source. At any rate he learned that she was being kept a prisoner by the Chinese, and set about her rescue. He did not call in the police because he didn't want publicity.

In some way or other he contrived the woman's release, but not until after he had got into a personal altercation with his Chinese namesake, who had threatened his life with a revolver the size of a baby Gatling gun. They got away, however, and the next day Williams sent a friend for the woman's clothes.

**Fool the Chinese**  
The friend didn't get them, but was followed by the Chinese in an effort to learn where his former prisoner was concealed. This subterfuge, however, availed him nothing, as two rooms, in different parts of the city had been hired, in anticipation of just such a move, and the trail led to a room which the woman never had occupied, but was rented for her use.

Last night the American and Chinese Williams met on the street and again, it is said, the Chinaman threatened to kill the American. This threat resulted in a complaint to the police and a few minutes later Chinese Williams was locked up, protesting that he had a right to carry a gun, but had left the permit at his home. He was not informed of the more serious charge against him, but was booked on suspicion.

It is more than likely, however, that the Chinese will escape conviction on anything more serious than a misdemeanor charge. To press a graver accusation against him would entail publicity, and this his victim is most anxious to avoid.

Moreover there is good ground for suspicion that the white man in the case, whose name is given as "Williams" is known in the clubs by quite another cognomen and that if his true name were printed it would result in a sensation that would startle society.

#### INDEPENDENT LEAGUE? NOT FOR GEORGE HACK

**SACRAMENTO, Sept. 13.**—George W. Hack, who lives near this city, was nominated by the Independent league convention for state controller, but he did not know he was a candidate and had no knowledge that his name was to be presented.

Mr. Hack, who is a well to do farmer, says he does not wish to be understood as affiliating with that particular movement, and that he promptly declined the nomination.

#### AUBURN MAN KILLED BY HIS TWO SONS

**AUBURN, Neb., Sept. 13.**—Isaac Williams, a wealthy farmer living eight miles north of Auburn, was today shot and killed by his two sons, Clarence and Charles, aged respectively 23 and 21 years.

They had quarreled over money matters and the sons claim their father attacked them with a pitchfork and they shot in self defense. They are in jail.

**Dumont Breaks Aeroplane**  
By Associated Press.  
**PARIS, Sept. 13.**—Santos Dumont's new aeroplane broke down this morning in the course of experiments at Longchamps. It was very seriously damaged, but Santos Dumont was not injured.

#### AMERICAN SAILORS GUARD PALACE OF PRESIDENT PALMA

When This Information Reaches Washington, However, Orders Are at Once Given to Have the Bluejackets Return to the Cruiser Denver

**INSURGENT LEADERS OFFER TO SURRENDER**  
By Associated Press.  
**HAVANA, Sept. 13.**—Late this evening Commander Colwell of the United States cruiser Denver was approached by an accredited emissary of Alfred Zayas, president of the Liberal party, and General Del Castillo, commander of the insurgent forces in Havana province, with a signed offer from each to surrender their commands and arms to Commander Colwell on condition that the United States government, through him, guarantee them fair judicial trials.

Commander Colwell, accompanied by Charge d'Affaires Sleeper, immediately carried the proposition to President Palma. The president was immensely pleased and asked Commander Colwell if he would accept the surrenders.

The latter replied in the negative, but advised the president to communicate with the Washington government, which was done.

**NAVY READY FOR EMERGENCY**  
Several Vessels to Be Sent to Cuban Waters  
By Associated Press.  
**WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.**—The navy department is quietly preparing several other vessels for service in Cuban waters.

Common prudence has obliged the military and naval general staff and board to provide against every contingency.

So, while the navy is preparing its ships the army is being carefully studied with the view to quick and effective action in case its services are needed. So far as can be learned there have been no troop movements in this connection and although today's army orders provide for the return to the United States from the Philippines of the Twenty-first infantry (sailing from Manila Sept. 20) and the Sixth infantry (sailing Oct. 1), it is stated that these movements were projected long ago. The only dispatches received at the state department today from Mr. Sleeper, charge at Havana, and made public say that fighting has been reported in Pinar del Rio and near Cienfuegos.

They tell of the blowing up of bridges but indicate that the railway to Pinar del Rio may be reopened tomorrow.

The railways, it was stated, have issued notices warning passengers to defer travel, as there is danger of insurgents dynamiting trains.

**Insurgents Destroy Bridge**  
By Associated Press.  
**HAVANA, Sept. 13.**—An insurgent force under Colonel Guzman, formerly mayor of Las Lajas, has destroyed the bridge of the Cuban Central railroad near Las Lajas. It was not far from this bridge that two locomotives and one repair car were thrown by rebels.

It had been the expressed hope of the Washington officials that no such eventually as that which has necessitated the landing of the sailors would arise.

Government officials declined to comment upon the action. Acting Secretary of State Bacon left on a late train tonight for New York for a conference tomorrow with the president.

The Denver has been ordered to Cuba for the protection of American interests, but it has been intimated that its only purpose was to afford President Palma protection in case his life should be in jeopardy.

Mr. Sleeper's cablegram reported the landing of the sailors and explained that there was no purpose of protecting anybody or anything except American lives and property.

The announcement that the sailors had been ordered back to the ship followed from the White House soon after the receipt of Mr. Sleeper's official report. That the landing was a complete surprise to the government here was evident.

That it was not under instructions from Washington also was made plain, but the reasons that actuated Commander Colwell were set forth in his dispatch. It was distinctly stated today that the quiet preparations of other vessels looking to possible dispatch to Cuba does not contemplate intervention; that there will be no landing of parties except in the event of rioting when international law demands restraining action by any neutral ship present in port.

But it is realized that by some unexpected act of either contending force the American government might be obliged to carry out the provisions of the Platt amendment.

#### EVERY TEMPTS A CHILD

Twelve-Year-Old Girl Plays Mamma and Takes Valuables  
Scored Jewelry and Feathers in Ashes Reveal Trick

**Obdurate at First, Little Edna Simmons Finally Breaks Down, Revealing Thiefs—Case a Remarkable One**  
Love of finery made a thief of little Edna Simmons, 12 years old, and resulted last night in her arrest. The child, though young in years, is admitted by her father to be "old in crime." She is an expert thief, and like experienced criminals the world over refused to talk even after the hiding place of her plunder had been discovered and she herself had been placed under arrest.

In many respects the case is the most remarkable instance of child criminality known to the local police. Yesterday Mrs. Blanche P. Dow of 647 East Forty-second street reported to the police that her house had been burglarized. The matter was turned over to Patrolman Walsh for investigation and he soon made up his mind that the thievery was not the work of the ordinary sneak thief.

Then he learned that little Edna Simmons, a playmate of Mrs. Dow's daughter, had been in the house the day the theft was committed, and he made up his mind, as keeping the suspicion seemed to be, that the child was guilty.

**With Search Warrant**  
Acting upon this assumption he induced Mrs. Dow to swear out a search warrant and armed with this authority he went last evening to the home of the girl's father, Edward Simmons, 4279 South Park avenue. Here he questioned Edna, but the child professed innocence and denied ever having seen any of the missing articles.

Walsh, however, was not convinced. He had a list of the stolen articles, including three souvenir spoons, two gold rings, a feather fan valued at \$20, several ostrich plumes, a yellow silk waist, a pocketbook, a breastpin, several combs, ribbons and other articles of feminine adornment. He began a search of the house, keeping the articles on this list carefully in mind, and finally discovered the silk waist concealed in the bottom of a ragbag. Next he

**THE DAY'S NEWS**  
**FORECAST**  
Southern California: Cloudy Friday, light south winds, changing to westerly. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 70 degrees; minimum, 58 degrees.

**FOREIGN**  
American troops guard President Palma's palace at Havana.  
Constitutional Democrats alter plans and may hold convention in Stockholm.  
Frau Krupp, the richest woman in Europe, buys inexpensive trousseau for her daughters.

**EASTERN**  
Major General Corbin disapproves of legislative prohibition against the sale of beer and light wines in the past exchanges.  
Goldfield miners expected to settle differences this week.  
Police scandal at Chicago aired in court.

**COAST**  
Theodore A. Bell, Democratic nominee for governor, discusses platform adopted at Sacramento.  
Cannery collapses at Oakland, injuring many employees.  
Frontiers men found guilty of conspiracy against the government.

**LOCAL**  
Missing Leona Toner found by police.  
Twelve-year-old girl confesses committing robbery.  
Owl car patronage is increasing.  
Washington correspondents arrive.  
Dog catchers drag woman in net.  
San Pedro wharves short of men.  
Treasurer Workman and others offer nine-acre park plot to city.  
Baxter Edwards killed by car.  
Captain De Blumenthal and wife both missing apparently.  
Chinese who had white woman imprisoned is arrested.

**TABLE OF TEMPERATURES**

| City          | Max. | Min. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Los Angeles   | 70   | 58   |
| Yuma          | 100  | 70   |
| Jacksonville  | 90   | 74   |
| New Orleans   | 90   | 76   |
| Chicago       | 88   | 70   |
| Little Rock   | 88   | 74   |
| Pittsburg     | 86   | 68   |
| St. Louis     | 84   | 62   |
| St. Paul      | 84   | 64   |
| Boston        | 80   | 66   |
| New York      | 76   | 70   |
| Salt Lake     | 76   | 54   |
| Denver        | 72   | 52   |
| Omaha         | 72   | 52   |
| San Francisco | 64   | 54   |
| St. Paul      | 64   | 48   |
| Spokane       | 52   | 50   |

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