

# HOWA CAPTIVE WITH TORTURE AND KIDNAPED BY CRUEL MEXICANS Taken to a Squalid Hut Near the Sea Shore Lad Says Men Robbed and Abducted Him

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Thirteen-Year-Old Son of Prominent Contractor Relates to Police Remarkable Story of His Adventures

Henry La Rue, the thirteen year old son of H. E. La Rue, a contractor residing at 114 East Thirty-eighth street, returned to his parents last night about 8:30 after being absent from his home since last Monday morning.

During this time the mother has been prostrated with grief and worry about the boy's absence, not knowing what had become of him.

Henry's story of his mysterious absence is almost sensational.

The day of his disappearance his father had sent him to the building and loan association with \$26 interest money to be paid. In his way there the boy started to walk through the alley between Second and Third streets and Spring and Main. When he reached a point near two Mexicans who stood by a large box back of the Wilcox building, the boy stumbled to the ground and the money rolled from his pocket. Seeing this, the boy says, the two Mexicans at once beckoned for him to come to them. He refused to do so, one of the men started toward him with the threat that if he failed to come they would "cut his ears off." The boy became frightened and obeyed their commands.

Wanted to Kill Lad  
After obtaining the money the two Mexicans held a cautious conversation, evidently trying to decide what was the best course to take in assuring their escape.

The boy says he heard the larger of the two men, who seemed to be the father of the younger man, say gruffly: "Aw, let's kill the kid and stuff him behind the box." But after a few moments' argument, the Mexicans told the boy to come with them. He began to cry, and said he wanted to go home, but they struck him in the face, and one of them held his hand over his mouth to prevent him from screaming.

The boy says they then boarded a car on the Los Angeles-Pacific line and he was taken with them to some beach town, which he afterwards learned was Port Los Angeles.

Arriving here the men took him to a hut about a half mile from the wharf, where he was kept under constant guard by one of the Mexicans. The boy says the men appeared to be fishermen, and one of the others remained from the place all day, to return at night with nets and fish. He says they were going to take him in their boat with them one day, but later refused to let him go, saying they were afraid he might escape.

While imprisoned in the hut the boy was submitted to all manner of abuse and cruelty, according to his tale, which appears to be perfectly truthful. He was compelled to live on almost nothing, and given the scraps to eat that were left from the meals of his captors.

Tells of Cruelty  
He says that one night when the men had both become beastly drunk they submitted him to fiendish torments, and laughed with delight to see his suffering.

Yesterday they told him they were going to take him with them to Mexico in a week, and were making all preparations for the trip. This set the boy to thinking more desperately of some means of escape. He tried to signal with a stick to some one who was passing, but they did not see his distress signal. The guard saw his attempted communication, however, and kicked him savagely, growling, "You will try to squeak on us, will you?"

One of the Mexicans went this morning on a trip to Venice, and the lad was left to be guarded by the younger man. Growing negligent of his charge, the guard left the hut for a moment to go to a shed nearby.

The door was left unbolting, and the boy made a quick run for escape. Just as he left the house the Mexican returned and started to chase him. The boy shouted for help and with curses the Mexican quickly fled back to his hut.

The lad walked from Port Los Angeles to his home, arriving nearly exhausted from his long journey.

The boy cannot give a very graphic description of his abductors, but says one was a very large man, with gray hair. The other was rather short and slender, about 22 years of age. They called each other by some Spanish names which the boy cannot remember.

## SUMMARY OF ADVENTURES

Left home Monday, September 10, at 11 a. m. to deposit \$26 in Building and Loan association.  
About 12 o'clock he was accosted by Mexicans in alley.  
Robbed and taken to Port Los Angeles.  
Kept prisoner in hut until yesterday morning, when he escaped and walked to his home in Los Angeles.  
Arrived at his home about 8:30 last night.  
Tells graphic story of his abductors, and how he was abused by them while kept a prisoner in the hut at Port Los Angeles.

## LONG BEACH CAR STRIKES ANOTHER

SERIOUS COLLISION ON FOURTEENTH STREET  
Dozen Hurt

Motorman Tried to Brush by Ahead of Ocean Line and His Coach Was Badly Crushed—Half Dozen Hurt

Car No. 163 of the Santa Fe avenue line and car No. 263 of the Long Beach line collided at Fourteenth and Tennessee streets yesterday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Car 163 was eastbound and car 263 of the suburban line was southbound. Motorman Sam Lloyd of the Los Angeles railway car stopped his car on the east side of the crossing at Fourteenth and Tennessee streets, and as the heavy Long Beach car slowed up slightly for an instant, he tried to get across in front of it.

His effort was unsuccessful, and the Long Beach car struck the lighter electric on the front end, driving it from the track. It must have turned over had it not been stayed by a power pole.

The side of the Los Angeles car was broken in and nearly all the windows in it were broken.

Crew Injured  
Both the conductor, R. L. Norris, and the motorman, Sam Lloyd, who is blamed for the accident, were slightly injured.

The most serious injury occurred to J. H. Nonemaker of 416 Lawrence Lawrence street. Nonemaker's face was deeply cut, a rib was broken and he was seriously injured internally. According to Dr. J. L. Jones, whose office is in that vicinity, and who treated several of the injured, there is a grave possibility of Nonemaker's death. The little finger of his left hand was almost cut in two, as it was pinched between two seats.

Frank Carter of 1326 Elwood street sustained severe internal injuries and his back was wrenched. His right hand was cut by flying glass. He was also treated by Dr. Jones.

Ben Craft of 1740 East Fourteenth street was thrown against the side of the car by the shock of the collision, and he sustained cuts upon the head and body.

Woman Escapes  
According to the statement of several witnesses a woman was seated in the Los Angeles car just at the point of impact, but she is said to have escaped uninjured, although her position was the most dangerous on the car.

Lloyd, the motorman of the car which was struck, could not be found after the accident, but Norris, the conductor, stated that the motorman first started to cross the track and then stopped the car.

Seeing the Long Beach car stop for a moment, he again put on the power, and was about one-third across the out-bound track when the heavy interurban car struck his car.

Street car inspectors who arrived at the scene a few minutes after the crash stated that only three or four were hurt in the smashup, but it is known that more than ten were injured more or less seriously.

## THINK OF SENDING AN AGENT TO WASHINGTON

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15.—It is said that the relief corporation is considering the advisability of sending an agent to Washington to look after San Francisco's interest in the \$1,800,000 held there by the national Red Cross for the relief of this city.

Word from Washington that the directors of the Red Cross had not decided what disposition shall be made of the money but would meet September 25 created something of a sensation at relief headquarters today.

It has been given out right along that this money would be turned over to the corporation early in September. Five hundred thousand dollars is being held in New York and \$600,000 in Boston.

An agent from Boston is now on his way to San Francisco to look into the situation.

Rebels Attack San Domingo  
By Associated Press.  
HAVANA, Sept. 15.—The revolutionists attacked the town of San Domingo in Santa Clara province at 5 o'clock this morning, but were repulsed by the garrison of militiamen and rural guards. One rural guard, two militiamen and three of the revolutionists were killed. Five rural guards and one militiaman were wounded. One of the insurgents who were killed was Colonel Motelo. The government troops captured two prisoners and sixty horses and are now in pursuit of the retreating insurgents.

# SCORES PHONETIC FREAKS

Benj. Ide Wheeler  
Would Preserve  
Language

Says It Is Not Property  
of This or Any Other  
Government

"There is No Excuse," Says the President of the University of California, "for Thru for Through"

By Associated Press.  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Sept. 15.—Commencement exercises which were postponed from last June were held here tonight.

The commencement address was delivered by Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California. President Wheeler's address was on the subject of philology. After tracing the growth of the English language, he said:

"In the inevitable discussion of its reform, however, sober consideration of all that is involved must warn against the rash imperiling through shallow judgment of the greater good for the lesser benefit. Here follow certain points of view.

"First—Uniformity in the written language throughout its entire territory in any given period, as the present, is a prime demand of civilized intercourse.

"Second—The establishment for the United States of a standard of written English different from that recognized elsewhere in the English-speaking territory is an isolating and divisive movement promising loss and waste to intercourse and culture, and introducing confusion and contrariety where the opposition is desired.

"Third—The English language is not the property of the people of the United States, still less of its government; it is the possession of the English-speaking world, and the moral authority to interfere in its regulation must arise out of the whole body and not from a segment thereof.

"Must Not Be Trifled With"  
"Fourth—Every person who is born to the use of the language inherits thereby a definite advantage in the world of intellectual power, for influence and effectiveness. This inherited advantage constitutes vested interest, and must not be trifled with.

"Fifth—Any radical change such as, for instance, would be involved in phonetic writing would have the effect of cutting us off from the language of Shakespeare and the English Bible, making this semi-foreign idiom, to be acquired by special study.

"Sixth—The adoption of a phonetic writing, it should further be remembered, would involve imitation of the various dialectal forms of the spoken language, which is highly interesting to phonologists, but to the plain reader anathema.

"Seventh—Print is addressed to the eye, and the reader's eye, taking in the whole of the composite form of whole phrases in rapid glance, is disturbed and hindered by abnormal forms of spelling.

"Eighth—The proposal gradually to introduce the co-ordination of volunteers a certain number of new spellings, and then, when these are well under way, presumably certain others, seems to promise an era of ghastly confusion. It would make a composite orthography and heterography, as well as much irritation to readers' eyes and spirits.

"Ninth—The list of three hundred words proposed by the simplified spelling board is a somewhat haphazard collection following no very clear principle of selection. One hundred and fifty-seven of these, such as 'color' for 'colour', are already in their docked form familiar to American usage.

"There is no excuse, however, for 'thru' for 'through' from any point of view."

## BLUE AND GRAY MEET IN FRATERNAL REUNION

GETTYSBURG, Va., Sept. 15.—On the historic battlefield where they clashed for supremacy, the survivors of General Pickett's division of the Confederate army met today in fraternal reunion the survivors of the Philadelphia brigade, which was composed of four regiments of Pennsylvania volunteers. The reunion was held at the "Bloody Angle," where General Pickett made his famous charge.

A feature of the gathering today was the presentation of General Armstrong's sword to the men of the south. General Armstrong fell during the charge and his sword has since been in possession of Philadelphia soldiers.

The veterans will hold a campfire tonight and on Monday will go to the battlefield at Antietam and the latter place they will be joined by the survivors of four other Pennsylvania regiments and monuments erected to the memory of the Pennsylvanians who fell during the battle will be unveiled.

## DEPUTY CONRAD IS HIT BY A CAR

A. B. Conrad, chief deputy in the city assessor's office, was struck by a car last evening at Melrose station on the Pacific Electric line, the resultant injuries being a severely lacerated hand and a broken right arm.

Conrad stated that he had tried in vain to stop three cars as they passed and that finally he stepped near the track to force the motorman to stop the car.

The city bound car at 11 o'clock slowed down enough to cause Mr. Conrad to believe that it was going to stop and then started ahead again at full speed.

Mr. Conrad and his wife were standing near the track and he was struck by the hand rail at the side. He was taken to the police hospital, where he was treated by Police Surgeon C. W. Cook.

## SHERIFF REACHES DENVER WITH CONFESSED SLAYER

By Associated Press.  
DENVER, Sept. 15.—A News special from Hawkins, Wyo., says:

# REBELS CONTINUE MAKING ATTACKS

## INTERVENTION MUST COME

HAVANA, Sept. 15.—Eduardo Chibas, a prominent resident of Santiago, said to the Associated Press today: "The entire province of Santiago will burst into revolt unless the United States intervenes immediately. There must be a protectorate or there will be no permanent peace in Cuba."  
Some of President Palma's political friends regard President Roosevelt's letter and the coming of Secretaries Taft and Bacon as an indication that Cuban sovereignty already is practically at end.

## BARLOW FETE NETS NEARLY \$11,000

MANY BOOTHS SOLD OUT BEFORE MIDNIGHT  
Dollars Pour in on the Busy Attendance and Many Lives Will Be Made Lighter as a Result

As the Barlow garden fete began in a blaze of glory, so it ended just as midnight was making way for morning, and the coffers of the Barlow sanatorium are richer for it by \$10,945.

Well merited success greeted the efforts of the men and women promoting it in every department, and "sold out" was the answer that greeted a request for candles, ices or almost anything else after the clock had struck 11.

The Hollywood women who contributed to the success of Mrs. Arthur Letts' booth sold their sweetmeats long before the hour of closing, and the same was true in many other booths.

The vaudeville show alone netted \$1500, and George Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Robertson and Mrs. J. H. Martindale were kept busy handing out tickets all the time.

The minstrels played to packed houses at every performance and \$500 was the result of the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clifford Lott and her assistants.

Mrs. Walter B. Cline's Midway was a regular mite for coinage money, and in every other department the dollars poured in with equal frequency.

It would be difficult to say too much in praise of the work of all who took part from Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow, chairman of the executive committee, to the tiny pages who went about the grounds selling popcorn.

The best of it all is yet to come—the happiness that it will bring into lives that have been darkened by suffering.

The women's tailor suit donated by M. Dansinger was bought by Mrs. E. F. C. Klokke, the men's tailor suit given by George P. Taylor was bought by W. M. Caswell, the pony given by C. C. Desmond was bought by A. R. Frazier of Ocean Park, the Paris hat given by Spier was bought by Mrs. Frank Walsh and the beautiful drawn work given by Mrs. George Sepulveda was bought by Mrs. A. H. Woodward of Altadena.

## REPUBLICAN SLATE REMAINS INTACT

By Associated Press.  
DENVER, Sept. 15.—The Republican state convention completed its work today and adjourned since die. The ticket named was chosen by the leadership and an unavailing effort was made to break the slate in several places. The full ticket follows:

Lieutenant governor—E. R. Harper of Gunnison county.  
Secretary of state—Timothy O'Connor of Boulder county.  
State treasurer—Alfred E. Bent of Prowers county.  
State auditor—George D. Staller of Weld county.

Attorney General—William H. Dickson of Denver county.  
Superintendent of public instruction—Miss Catherine L. Craig of Jefferson county.

Regents of the state university—Charles R. Dudley of Denver county and James C. Bell of Las Animas county.  
Justices of the supreme court—William J. Gabber of San Miguel county and Charles P. Caswell of Mesa county. Congressman at large—George W. Cook of Denver county.

## WINT WOULD RESTORE THE ARMY CANTEN

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Brigadier General Theodore Wint, commanding the department of the Missouri, has reported to the war department that in his opinion the canteen should be restored at army posts. He says:

"The demoralizing influence of the resorts surrounding posts cannot be too strongly emphasized, giving rise, as it does, to a large proportion of the most serious offenses and practically all those with penitentiary confinements, a condition chargeable in a great measure, in the opinion of the judge advocate, to the prohibition placed upon the post exchanges."

## NEWSPAPER MEN EXCHANGE DESKS

By Associated Press.  
NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 15.—James Martin, for several years managing editor of the New York Tribune, who has been elected president of the New York Daily Advertiser Publishing company, will assume the duties of editor in chief and publisher on Monday next.

Frederick A. Austin, also of the Tribune, will be the general manager of the Advertiser, and Edward W. Drew will resume his old position of managing editor, which he relinquished a year ago to become a member of the editorial staff of the New York Commercial.

Oppose Proposed Treaty  
By Associated Press.  
STOCKHOLM, Sept. 15.—The invitation tendered by the United States to Sweden to conclude a copyright treaty is meeting with heated opposition on the part of the publicists. The sale of books to the United States is an inextinguishable and valuable source of income to Swedish-American publishers and it was contended that the treaty would kill this business.

Robbers Secure \$10,000  
By Associated Press.  
BIRMINGHAM, N. D., Sept. 15.—Robbers blew open the safes in the two banks at Underwood early today, securing about \$10,000, and escaped. A posse is after them.

# SEVERAL BATTLES REPORTED

Intervention Is Now  
Demanded by  
Many  
Veterans Want Peace but  
Do Not Favor  
Annexation

Spectacle of American Warships in  
Havana Bay an Inspiring One.  
Palma's Reign May Be  
Nearly Over

Special to The Herald.  
HAVANA, Sept. 15.—While the arrival of armed forces from the United States has had the effect, temporarily at least, of checking the depredations of the insurgents, numerous engagements between the Cuban soldiers and the rebels have occurred today, and those who are best acquainted with the conditions here do not look for an end being put to hostilities for weeks to come.

The majority of the business men and officials are outspoken in declaring that they are well pleased with the sudden and unexpected turn of affairs, but on the other hand there are those who look askance at the arrival of American soldiers and armored cruisers.

Bankers and those who have large amounts of money at stake are a unit in declaring that no other course was open to the United States, and welcome the intervention, or threatened intervention, of President Roosevelt.

It is freely predicted tonight that within a short time order will be restored and a condition of affairs brought about which will mean permanent peace in the islands, something which is most desirable to all save for the few who apparently prefer to live the life of the rebel that they may, perchance, profit by the downfall of the government.

In case intervention actually occurs it is impossible to predict the result. (Continued on Page Seven)

## THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST  
Southern California: Fair and warmer Sunday; fresh west wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 73 degrees; minimum, 57 degrees.

PART I  
1—Boy tells tale of torture.  
2—General Treppoff dies suddenly.  
3—Mrs. Schiek is brokenhearted.  
5—Teachers told to avoid politics.  
6.7—Sports.

PART II  
2—Society.  
3—Finds prosperity along the coast.  
4—Lions fight only when cornered.  
5—Cable news.  
6—Editorial.  
7—City news.  
8—Commission to summons clerk.  
10—Enjoys high life; \$87 worth free.  
11—Markets.

PART III  
1.2—Real estate news.  
3.4—Southern California news.  
5.6.7—Classified advertisements.

PART IV  
Magazine section.

PART V  
Children's magazine.

PART VI  
Colored comic section.

EASTERN  
Jack Frost visits New York, the mercury dropping forty degrees in ten hours.  
Three drown in lower bay at New York when launch capsizes.  
W. J. Bryan welcomed to Virginia by largest crowd ever assembled in the state.

FOREIGN  
Fighting continues in Cuba and intervention may result within a few days.  
General Treppoff dies suddenly at Peterhof.

COAST  
Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of Stanford university, says "phonetic" spelling.  
Passengers on steamer Oregon have narrow escape when vessel strikes rocks near Valdez.  
In a dream Oakland woman foretells father's death.

LOCAL  
Frank Rudsill, Los Angeles' unluckiest boy, victim in Ventura wreck.  
Mrs. Schiek tells The Herald the story of her life.  
Long Beach and Santa Fe cars crash on Fourteenth street.  
Schools will open on Monday.  
Oil queen and board of public works clash.

TABLE OF TEMPERATURES

City	Max.	Min.
Los Angeles	73	57
Jackonville	92	74
Little Rock	80	74
Yonkers	80	74
Atlanta	88	64
New Orleans	88	70
New York	78	70
St. Louis	78	62
Denver	74	46
Boston	74	54
Quincy	72	46
Chicago	68	54
St. Paul	68	54
San Francisco	66	52
Pittsburg	64	50
Spokane	62	42
Salt Lake	52	44