

MOB OF WOMEN ATTACKS WIFE OF KIDNAPER

Mrs. Helen Boyle Assailed With Brooms and Sticks in Mercer Streets

Husband Is Convicted for Stealing Willie Whittle and Her Trial Is Begun

Although Handcuffed, Female Prisoner Is Undaunted by Threats of Lynching

MERCER, Pa., May 6.—Mrs. Helen Boyle, the alleged kidnaper of Willie Whittle, was attacked in the streets of Mercer this evening by a mob of nearly 1,000 women while she was en route from the courthouse to the jail.

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"Let us hang her—get the rope—get the rope," screamed some of the mob, while some one threw an egg which broke on a tree near the woman.

Rev. J. S. Duncan, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, did his best to pacify the angry women.

Boyle's trial lasted only a few hours. Willie Whittle told his story of the kidnaping, and no defense was made.

Mrs. Boyle was immediately placed on trial, charged with aiding in the kidnaping. Hardly had the jury been sworn in his woman's case when the lawyers became engaged in an argument regarding the admission of certain testimony and the case was adjourned until tomorrow.

Mrs. Boyle took a prominent part in the selection of her jury, prompting her attorneys in numerous cases and showing a preference for young, unmarried jurors.

That Boyle's trial came to such an abrupt ending was due to the fact that a strong case had been made against him. Witnesses told of nearly every movement he made before the night of the abduction to his arrest in Cleveland.

The penalty is from one year to a life sentence in the penitentiary. Sentence was not pronounced.

Accident in New State Armory at Seattle

SEATTLE, May 6.—Thirty persons were injured, many seriously, when a section of the railing in the east balcony at the new state armory gave way during the indoor track meet of the Seattle athletic club tonight.

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\$5,000,000 DEAL ON FOR POWER PLANT

California Gas and Electric Corporation to Buy City Electric Company

Negotiations for Purchase of Rival Concern Now Practically Complete

Negotiations have been opened by the California gas and electric corporation for the purchase of the City electric company. The sale has been practically arranged and only the details remain to be completed.

The principals are not prepared to authorize any announcement at this time, preferring to wait until the bargain has been concluded. There appears little likelihood, however, of an interruption of the negotiations now in progress.

The California gas and electric corporation, as the largest concern of its kind in California, has long dominated the situation in the bay and central coast countries. It is controlled by the Drum, Tevis, Martin and De Sabia interests and is operated in conjunction with the Fleischhacker-Mack interests and the Pacific gas and electric company, the parent corporation.

Operates Large Plant The City Electric has a large plant at North beach and maintains an office at 24 Grant avenue. It is controlled by the Fleischhacker-Mack interests and has been engaged in the power business almost exclusively. Its largest customer has been the United Railroads, but it has sold also to the big manufacturing plants in the northern end of the city.

The first steps toward the purchase were made several months ago when it became apparent that the United Railroads would acquire the Stanislaus plant. With the prospective loss of its largest single customer the City electric was confronted with the necessity of retailing the product. This called for a big increase in the capital investment. The Macks and Fleischhackers were not inclined to go heavier in the power business, as it has been their policy of late to concentrate on banking and petroleum ventures. At the same time the California gas and electric company was looking about for an increased supply and took advantage of the opportunity to add to its capacity and remove a rival at the same time.

Bonds Issued for Purchase The recent bond issue of the California gas and electric corporation was designed primarily to furnish the capital for this purchase. Bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000 have been taken up by a syndicate composed of the National City bank of New York and Lee, Higginson & Co. of Boston.

The City electric company was incorporated in January, 1907, to meet the growing demand for power. It has never engaged to any large extent in the sale of electric light, nor has it entered the gas business. It had plans under consideration for the enlargement of its lighting capacity, and these will be carried out by the new owners.

The plant of the City electric consists of two 4,000 horsepower turbo generators. The original plans called for an additional generator of 10,000 horsepower. The concern has an authorized capital of \$5,000,000. It has been operated by the following board of directors: Walter Arnstein, C. P. Eels, Mortimer Fleischhacker, W. S. Goodfellow, Adolph Mack, J. J. Mack, F. W. Smith and Henry Steinback.

The purchase will give the California gas and electric corporation a total of 123,000 horsepower. Even this is insufficient to meet the growing demand.

RUSSIA WILL WARN THE PERSIAN REBELS Revolutionists Marching on Teheran to Be Asked to Desist

TEHERAN, May 6.—It is rumored that the revolutionists are marching on Teheran, and a squadron of Persian Cossacks has been sent to guard an important bridge at Kherraj, 30 miles west of Teheran. The Russian embassy has dispatched an attaché to meet the revolutionists and warn them to desist in their attitude, as otherwise Russia might be forced to take action.

LAKE ERIE SEEMS TO HAVE THE JIM JAMS Water Suddenly Rises and Then Falls Just as Rapidly

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 6.—Lake Erie has been exhibiting a weird behavior since midnight, and has risen and fallen several times in a manner that old mariners along the water front say has never before been known.

Between 2 and 4:30 o'clock this morning the water rose from four to five feet. Then the water began going out of the harbor with a rush. It went down so rapidly that the boats in the Blackwell canal and along the river were banged hard against their docks.

YOUNG WOMAN IS VICTIM OF BRUTAL ATTACK

Miss Minnie Withrow Assaulted Near San Jose Home in Broad Daylight

Searchers on Trail of Criminal and Lynching May Follow Capture

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SAN JOSE, May 6.—Every deputy sheriff in the county and bands of young men are searching tonight for a brute who attacked Miss Minnie Withrow within a half mile of the University of the Pacific in broad daylight today. If he is caught by others besides the officers he will probably be lynched.

Miss Withrow, an attractive girl about 20 years old, is the daughter of one of the best known families of College Park. About 1 o'clock today she left her home near the university to walk to Santa Clara along the railroad track.

Girl Is Wounded A half hour later she staggered into the presence of her parents, bleeding from deep lacerations on her neck and other portions of her body. Her clothing was torn to shreds, and she was in a pitiable condition.

Between sobs the girl told her story, which sent her father and brothers hurrying forth to wreak vengeance upon the man responsible for her condition. It seems that the girl had stopped at the edge of a grain field half way between College Park and Santa Clara, and as she stooped to drink from a spring a man concealed in the grain slipped up behind her. The girl was unaware that there was anyone in the vicinity until a pair of hands closed around her neck.

Handkerchief as Gag A handkerchief was thrust into her mouth to stifle her screams, and a voice said, "Now I've got you." The girl battled with all her strength and used her teeth and nails to advantage on her assailant's face.

A half hour later the girl, crawling and staggering painfully, covered the half mile to her home and told her story. Several arrests were made in the vicinity, but in each case it was the wrong man. The girl is unable to give a good description of the man, but believes that he was short and dark. The officers secured the handkerchief which the man used to gag the girl. It is of good quality and freshly laundered.

ARMY CAPTAIN FACES EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES Former Treasurer of West Point to Be Courtmartialed

EL PASO, May 6.—A special dispatch from Washington to the El Paso Morning Times says: Captain Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., has been ordered to report to Major General Leonard Wood at Governor's Island, N. Y., to face court martial on charges growing out of his administration of affairs in the quartermaster's and commissary departments at West Point from 1902 to 1908.

The nature of the charges and specifications, it is said, will make this the most important army court martial since Oberlin M. Carter was tried. Captain Franklin was treasurer of the United States military academy at West Point from 1902 to 1908, and during that period \$2,000,000 in government funds passed through his hands. He was known as the "army's best businessman," and until recently was at work perfecting plans for the army and navy club at Manila.

The exact amount which it is alleged Captain Franklin is short is not known, but it is said it will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Franklin is 38 years old and a native of Maryland. His wife is an El Paso woman, daughter of J. A. Smith, postmaster at El Paso and a republican leader in Texas.

Smith received a letter today from Franklin, in which he says he will be able to prove his innocence. ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BURN "DRY" TOWN

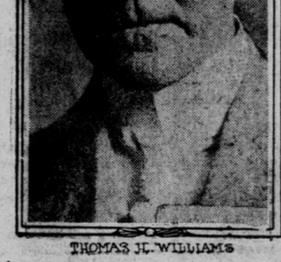
Enemies of Prohibition Accused of Starting Incendiary Fire

NORFOLK, Neb., May 6.—Fire started by an incendiary early today threatened to destroy the town of Plainview near here, and it was necessary to call upon surrounding towns for aid. A gale of wind carried burning brands over the entire town. Men and women fought the flames for nearly five hours, and in the excitement many of the fire fighters today were dazed and faint.

The fire fighters, the floor of which had been saturated with gasoline, the parsonage and a number of dwellings were burned. The town recently went "dry," and enemies of the prohibitionists are accused of having started the blaze.

Turf Magnates Are No Longer in Accord

The two men who have for years dominated the racing game in California, but who are now drifting apart.



RUCKER TO HANDLE M'LAUGHLIN ESTATE

Miss Anna C. Busteede Fails in Efforts to Have Administrator Ousted

SANTA CRUZ, May 6.—Judge Smith filed a decision with County Clerk Miller in the action brought by Miss Anna C. Busteede whereby she sought to have Samuel N. Rucker removed as administrator of the estate of Major Frank McLaughlin. While the decision recognizes Miss Busteede as a legitimate creditor, it holds that her evidence has been insufficient to sustain her claims.

The record shows that Rucker was duly appointed and qualified as administrator without objection or protest from any of the creditors of the estate. Long after he had entered upon the discharge of the duties of administrator Anna C. Busteede, a creditor of the estate, filed a verified petition asking for the removal of Rucker upon the grounds that he had wasted and mismanaged the estate, and, further, that he had failed to have included in the inventory all the property belonging to the deceased at the time of his death.

"April 17, 1909, the administrator filed his verified answer to the petition, denying all the material allegations. From the vast amount of documentary and oral evidence introduced it is manifest that the petitioner advanced to the court during his lifetime various sums of money, and that she is by reason thereof a bona fide creditor of the estate. But the evidence signally fails to show that the administrator, S. N. Rucker, has wasted or mismanaged the estate, as charged, or that he has intentionally or fraudulently failed to include in the inventory all of the property belonging to the deceased at the time of his death.

"It follows, therefore, that the relief asked for in the petition should be denied and the proceedings dismissed, and it is so ordered."

BIG RECLAMATION TRACT IS DAMAGED BY WATER Pile Driver and Dredge at Work to Close Break

STOCKTON, May 6.—Water is pouring into district 17, a reclamation comprising 14,000 acres, through a break in the river 30 feet wide. This is one of the richest reclamations of the San Joaquin delta, and the loss will approximate \$200,000. The principal crop is barley and a record breaking yield was looked for. A pile driver and a dredger are at work in an effort to close the break. The district is on the east side of the river and runs from Walker slough to the McMullen place. While the river is high, the water did not go over the levee. It is believed that the break, which occurred early this morning, was due to gopher holes in the levee.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR AT BANQUET IN MILWAUKEE

Diplomat Guest of the Citizens' Business League

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 6.—Count Johann Henrich von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Citizens' business league. He responded to the toast, "Social Reform in Germany."

BATTLE ON FOR TRACK OWNERSHIP

Williams and Burns at Outs and Former Seeks Control of Jockey Club

Offers to Buy Stock at Par, but Wants Two Years to Make Payment

Profits Have Been Big and the Share Holders Are Disinclined to Sell Holdings

Corporation's Real Estate Said to Be Worth Par Value of Capitalization

THERE is war in the New California jockey club. President Thomas H. Williams and Vice President Colonel Daniel M. Burns are at outs.

Treading on the heels of the legislation which gave the knockout blow to racing in California comes the story of internal trouble that threatens to split the jockey club wide open and expose its inner workings to the world outside.

The falling out of the two men who have dominated racing in California follows expressed dissatisfaction on the part of Colonel Burns with the manner in which the club has been run under the Williams regime.

There are other significant developments in the misunderstanding between the two racing magnates. Williams is attempting to obtain control of a majority of the stock of the jockey club, aside from that held by the Burns estate.

Williams has notified the stock holders that no more dividends need be expected on jockey club stock. Williams has proposed to minor stock holders that he take over their holdings at par, paying 20 per cent of the value in cash and the balance in two years, without interest, Williams' note being given as security and the stock held in escrow by the brokerage firm of Daniel Meyer.

Williams has offered to buy Colonel Burns' stock on more favorable terms, but Burns will only sell for spot cash. Running through these transactions is a thread of dissatisfaction that binds them all together and causes the stock holders to demand of Williams a statement of the club's financial condition and at the same time to blame him for the troubles that beset the turf in California.

All of these things are giving those in touch with the inner doings of turfdom plenty to talk of nowadays, when otherwise turf topics would be very commonplace, with no racing worthy of the name in progress or in prospect on the coast.

It is gossiped that while the friction between Williams and Burns reached an acute stage only recently, it has been gradually developing for more than a year. According to a turfman who professes to be well informed on the subject Burns believed that certain changes in the policy of the jockey club should have been undertaken for the purpose of making racing less of a commercial enterprise and more of a sport for sport's sake. The conduct of the campaign in behalf of racing at the recent session of the legislature, when the Walker-Otis anti-racetrack bill was passed, is said to have widened the breach between the two magnates and to have been the immediate cause of the open rupture which is alleged to have taken place in the business relations of the pair.

Stock Pooling Plan According to report, Williams and Burns had been acting in harmony in jockey club affairs under a stock pooling arrangement entered into several years ago, at the time that Williams became master of the California turf, after his notable contest for supremacy with Prince Poniatowski. Together they dominated the New California jockey club. Williams and his wife are credited with the possession of 23 per cent of the stock of the jockey club, which is capitalized at \$1,000,000, in 10,000 shares at the par value of \$100 each. It had been popularly supposed that Williams' interest was considerably greater.

Colonel Burns, his partner, Clarence Waterhouse, and their immediate connections are said to hold about 27 per cent of the stock. John Condon of Chicago is the largest individual stock holder aside from the Williams and Burns interests. He is said to own about 10 per cent. His relations with Williams has always been close. In all, the jockey club has less than 100 share holders.

So long as the turf was in a flourishing condition and the stock holders re-

STAKES WIFE AND CHILD AT CARDS

Indian Loses Ranch, Family and All His Other Property While Gambling

[Special Dispatch to The Call] FORT JONES, Cal., May 6.—Jack Dan today owns John McCash's wife and child, as well as all his property, as a result of a card game engaged in by the two several days ago. True to Indian custom McCash appears to be satisfied.

The cards were played fairly. McCash lost first his little ranch, then his wife and then his child. He gave possession without a word, and all appears to be serene in the little Indian settlement of Quartz valley, where the game was played.

George McCash, a grown son of John, recently purchased a wife for \$50, according to a story told here. After the girl had been taken to McCash's home, she became dissatisfied and returned to her father and McCash, according to the story, paid the father \$10 more to make the girl live up to her marriage vows.

TREASURY AGENTS SEIZE GIFT FOR PRESIDENT TAFT

Sword With Hint of Gold Brought From Russia

NEW YORK, May 6.—A finely wrought sword with a hint of solid gold, said to have been brought to this country as a gift for President Taft, was one of several hundred oriental art objects seized tonight by special treasury agents here.

The articles were found in the possession of two Russians. The men admitted having brought them ashore, but insisted that they did not know they were breaking any law.

The sword, they said, was intended as a present to the president "from many Russian friends," and was to have been presented by an official of the Russian embassy.

MUST PAY FOR HAY WHICH WAS LOST IN BAY Decisions Handed Down by the Court of Appeal

[Special Dispatch to The Call] SACRAMENTO, May 6.—The court of appeal today sustained the decision of the San Francisco court in awarding judgment to the H. P. Smith company in the sum of \$230 for the loss of 481 tons of hay stored in the warehouse of Mrs. Martha A. Suttich, and which were lost in the bay when a high wind blew down the warehouse. The Smith company originally asked for \$6,000.

The appellate court also adjudged that Mrs. Amelia S. Damon should pay an inheritance tax of \$1,172 to the county treasurer of San Francisco from her husband's estate. The court refused to pass on the validity of the inheritance tax law.

ROBBERS LOOT STORE AND DYNAMITE BUILDING

Overtaken by Police in Autos and Plunder Recovered

LA PORTE, Ind., May 6.—Four robbers looted a store here this morning and covered their escape by an explosion of dynamite that wrecked and set fire to the building. The thieves carried off a thousand dollars' worth of firearms, photographs and sporting material in a delivery wagon drawn by Humming Bird (2:14), a valuable trotting horse, which they stole from a nearby stable. The robbers, who headed toward Michigan, were pursued by policemen in automobiles and overtaken near the Michigan line. The pursuers exchanged shots with the robbers and one was captured. All the plunder was recovered.