

KIDNAPED CHILD RESCUED BUT IS AGAIN ABDUCTED

Girl Spirited Away From St. Louis and Found Here Vanishes Once More

Little Mary Virginia Poe Disappears While in the Charge of Humane Society

The police are searching the city for Mary Virginia Poe, the 13 year old daughter of Joseph H. Poe, a chemist of St. Louis, who, after having been kidnaped from St. Louis three years ago, and located in this city by officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children two weeks ago, has mysteriously disappeared from the institution in which she was placed by Judge Murasky, pending her return to St. Louis. Arrangements had been made to send her back to her father.

CHILD FOUND HERE The presence of the little one in this city was discovered two weeks ago, when the officers of the society investigated a complaint to the effect that a man and woman were maltreating a young girl in a house in the southern part of the city. Special Officer Fairweather found that the man and woman complained of were Ernest Court and Rose Sanchez Poe. From questions put to the couple he soon learned that the child was the one whose disappearance three years ago had set the police officers of St. Louis and other Missouri cities on their ears.

At that time Joseph H. Poe, who lives in Broadway, St. Louis, obtained a divorce and absolute custody of his little daughter, the mother not being permitted to see her. After the divorce the mother wrote Poe requesting permission to visit the child. The letter was ignored.

ABDUCTED BY MOTHER A few days later the woman borrowed a horse and buggy, drove to the school at Carondelet, where the little girl was a pupil and waited until there was a recess. She caught sight of little Mary, talked to her for a while, then hurried her to the buggy and drove away with her.

Police investigation failed to reveal any trace of mother or child. The officers ascertained, however, that at the time Mrs. Poe disappeared with the girl, a man named Ernest Court, a friend of the woman, had deserted his wife and children and was also among the missing. At the court house the part of Poe and the police to locate them was unavailing.

When two weeks ago Officer Fairweather discovered the couple and child, he caused the arrest of Court for battery upon the girl, who was taken in charge by the society. The case was reported to Judge Murasky, who ordered that the girl be placed in an institution and that no one be permitted to see her until her father could be communicated with.

CHID AGAIN MISSING A few days ago a letter was received from Poe, inclosing money and containing instructions for the return of his daughter. In the meantime the probability that the child was a reason for the fact that there was not room for her at the first place. The day after the girl was placed in the second quarters she either escaped or was abducted, and no trace of her or the mother has been found. Court, who was convicted of battery upon the child, is serving a term in the county jail.

The matter of the second abduction has been reported to Judge Murasky, and an investigation is being made to fix the responsibility.

ATTORNEY AND CLIENT DISCLAIM ANY CONTEMPT

Side Issue of the Water Rate Litigation

Attorney Daniel O'Connell and his client, Dr. A. J. Minaker, who are in trouble with the United States circuit court for disregarding the injunction of that court and suing the Spring Valley water company for charging excessive rates, have been given two weeks' further respite before having to answer the charge in court.

The matter will come up September 26, with others relating to water rates, before United States District Judge E. S. Farrington of Nevada, before whom the case has been laid.

WIDOW BRINGS SUIT AGAINST HER DAUGHTER

Alleges Fraud in Contesting Her Husband's Will

Charging bad faith and fraud, Mrs. Annie M. Davidson brought suit yesterday contesting the will of her late husband, James M. Davidson, and against her daughter, Mrs. Grace Clark, the executrix and main heir. Davidson was a locksmith, living at 456 Noe street, and left an estate of \$15,000. The widow in her complaint declares that the daughter, taking advantage of the feeble mentality of her father, due to ill health, poisoned his mind against her and caused him to desert her. Later, when the will was made, her daughter inveigled her father into making and convey a deed of gift to her, transferring all his real estate, which, she claims, is his community property.

PICKPOCKETS MAY GET LIMIT FOR STEALING

Little Sympathy to Be Extended to Thieves

Most of the pickpockets and bunco men arrested last week and held in the city prison till the festivities were over have been charged with vagrancy, some on one day complaints and others on ten day complaints. The former will have to be dismissed when brought into the police courts, but the others will probably get the limit, six months in the county jail, so as to teach them a lesson. About a dozen were in Police Judge Shortall's court yesterday and the cases were continued. An effort will be made to get the one day complaint men to leave the city on pain of being arrested whenever they appear on the streets.

Clubwomen of the Vicinity Boost for 1912 Convention



(Left) Mrs. Philip N. Moore of St. Louis, who is president of General Federation of Women's Clubs; (right) Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles of Los Angeles, who is first vice president of the order.

HUBBY GETS TIRED OF BEING TARGET

Cooking Utensils, Furniture and Fists Not to His Liking; Wants Divorce

Feeling that he had not voiced his marital troubles with sufficient certainty and detail, James Gannon filed and amended his original complaint for divorce from Alice L. Gannon yesterday, setting forth with great particularity the process of the disruption of his happiness and home.

He declared that April 18 she threw knives at him, accompanying the impolite act with language still more impolite. She followed this by hurling the stove lighter at him April 24 and on May 18 unloosed herself completely and made him the center of a cyclonic shower of pointed epithets, cooking utensils, furniture and fists. Then, he complained, she deserted him. Whereupon he sued for divorce.

The language of Julius Olson, according to the divorce complaint of Katharine A. Olson, was more than she could stand, wherefore she asked that the courts sever the bonds of matrimony. Antone Mompeller filed a similar complaint against his wife Angiolina, as did also Charles J. Harbolt against his spouse, Margaret. In the two latter cases desertion also is charged.

Judge Trout granted Margaret Swift a divorce from John Swift on the ground of willful neglect.

SKULL FRACTURED—James Mann, who resides at 836 Hallway avenue, suffered a severe fracture of the skull and the loss of part of his scalp in a runaway in Bush street near Larkin yesterday afternoon.

STAFF OFFICERS BOUND FOR CAMP

Final Exodus for Maneuvers at Atascadero Takes Place This Morning

All staff officers of the department of California, not already at Atascadero will leave for the camp this morning and will remain there throughout the military maneuvers, which will commence Thursday and conclude October 15. Brigadier General Bliss will leave for the camp tomorrow with his chief aid, Lieutenant Pollon. Adjutant General E. P. Ladd will remain here in charge of the headquarters.

Captain Augustus B. Warfield, adjutant, first battalion, fifth field artillery at the Presidio, has been ordered to Atascadero.

First Lieutenant Charles N. Cecil, Philippine scouts, has been assigned to duty at the Presidio pending the sailing of a transport upon which he may secure accommodations to return to his station at the islands.

Captain John H. Neff has been assigned to temporary duty at the Presidio pending his return to the Philippines.

Among the officers who reported at headquarters yesterday were Major William W. Forsyth, sixth cavalry, Camp Yosemite; First Lieutenant Charles W. Cullen, Captain W. K. Bartlett, Captain A. W. McNab, First Lieutenant J. S. Lamler, Captain F. M. Caldwell, twelfth cavalry, Fort Sherman; Captain C. B. Drake, fourteenth cavalry, Philippine islands; Captain A. W. Barnsted, twenty-eighth infantry, Presidio, San Francisco.

ATTORNEY MAKES PERJURY CHARGE

Further Argument in the Case Against Members of the Fish Trust

In making his argument in the fish trust cases, James A. Devoto, attorney for the plaintiffs, enlarged on the fact yesterday that the defendant fish companies had contented themselves with a sweeping denial of all the evidence of the other side.

"On the one hand," he said, "we have a number of retailers who have testified to certain facts, and on the other is the denial of this evidence by the wholesalers. It is your duty to decide which of the two you must believe, but in so doing I will ask you to recollect that the retailers have no interest in the outcome of the trial, while the wholesalers have. The fact of the matter is that perjury by the wholesaler has been committed by some of the defense. It is to the interest of the wholesalers to deny."

Attorney J. Webster spoke for the American fish company and W. M. Madden for the Western fish company. The latter is in his argument said that the entire trouble was brought about by J. Catania.

The case will be continued today and probably will go to the jury late this afternoon.

ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING—Frank Tara, the quartermaster of the steamship China, arrested last Saturday for attempting to smuggle ashore \$30 worth of pongee, was yesterday arraigned before United States Commissioner Brown and his bonds fixed at \$200, which were readily furnished.

NATIONAL OFFICERS ARE FETED GUESTS

Mrs. Philip N. Moore and Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles Honored at Reception

Location for the Next Biennial Gathering Is Still in the Balance

Mrs. Philip North Moore of St. Louis, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, who is spending a week here, was the guest of honor yesterday afternoon at a reception given by the federated clubs of this vicinity. Far more than a mere social significance attached to the affair, however, as the question of whether the biennial convention of the clubs will be held here two years hence is still weighing in the balance.

Although Mrs. Moore has not the deciding voice in the matter, her opinion will be an influential factor in the result and to give her a good impression of San Francisco and San Franciscans is the chief desire of the leading clubwomen here.

Mrs. Moore was entertained yesterday afternoon in the banquet room of the Palace hotel, which was filled with women from the clubs around the bay, and even farther afield.

Mrs. A. P. Black, district president, introduced Mrs. Moore, who made a brief speech, in which she expressed her enjoyment of her visit here and her surprise at the chance in the city since her last visit here in 1907.

"If I had not seen it myself," she said, "I should not have believed it possible. In 1907 the city was such a desolation and in 1910 it is such a beauty."

She then said that the city was, of course, under consideration as a meeting place, as were also Salt Lake City, Chicago and Montreal. Can. all of which have sent invitations.

Mrs. Moore named the advantages which this city has to offer and upon which she offered hearty congratulations, as the hotels, which, she declares, are not surpassed by any city; the climate, which has been so wonderful during her visit; the drives, the views, the educational advantages with the two great universities so near, the romantic interest attaching to the city and its rebuilding, and the strong club spirit prevailing, to present to the general committee in the late fall, when they meet to decide upon the meeting place.

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles of Los Angeles, first vice president of the general federation, shared the honors of the day with Mrs. Moore and made an address in which she told of the fight she would make in the committee meeting to bring the biennial here.

The reception committee yesterday consisted of the presidents of the clubs of this vicinity, of which Mme. Emilia Tojetti, representing the California club, was the chairman.

Among those present yesterday were: Mrs. J. W. Orr, general federation secretary; Mrs. Anna Little Barry, president of the Alameda district; Mrs. J. J. Grove, president of the San Joaquin district; Mme. Margaret Barry of Paris, the well known dramatic reader; Mrs. Almer Skinkie, Corona club; Mrs. Lovell White, California club; Mrs. Henry Gervais, Buellmeade women's club; Mrs. L. H. MacRae, Thurston club; Mrs. M. A. MacRae, Victoria club; Mrs. Jean Sinclair, Mrs. E. H. Abbott, Mrs. L. A. Hayward, Mrs. E. L. Babin, Mrs. E. H. Babin, Mrs. Charles Woodbury, Mrs. Mary Simpson Sperry, Mrs. Louis H. Crawford, Mrs. F. A. Faraham, Mrs. Mattick, Mrs. Fred Shuman and Miss Emma Van Bergen.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED—Dennis Rodgers, Langton and Harrison streets, was convicted some weeks ago by Police Judge Shortall of molesting Mrs. E. H. Babin, but he made such a poverty stricken plea that the judge suspended sentence. The judge learned that while he was on his probation Rodgers had been fined by Judge Deasy for a similar offense. Rodgers was called into court yesterday and fined \$300.

TAKEN TO JUVENILE HOME—Cecil Stall, 16 years of age, living at 1831 Joost avenue, was taken from his home yesterday afternoon to the juvenile detention home to await his appeal. He was charged with molesting a woman in a restaurant at Battery and Market streets, who fed after the stabbing.

VITRIOL CRIME IS CHARGED TO GIRL

Anonymous Postcard Sent to Police Concerning the Redfern Case

Pretty Stenographer Implicated, but Revenge Is Believed Behind the Writing

Interest again stirred in the Redfern vitriol throwing episode of several months ago when it was learned by the police yesterday that the pretty victim, Miss Ruth Frances Wilson of 1624 Octavia street, whose sight was nearly destroyed by Van Camp Redfern, had received an anonymous postcard dated at Yuma, Ariz., which stated that a Miss Emma Corcoran of 234 Twenty-seventh street was responsible for the occurrence.

It was at first supposed that the card was written by Redfern, but police investigation brought to light the fact that it was probably written by Ira Giger, who is in no way connected with the case, but who has been persecuting a stenographer, Miss Corcoran, for the last year with threatening letters and postals.

Giger and Miss Corcoran are unknown to the Wilsons, and the only connection between the two cases is believed to lie in the fact that Giger wrote the postcard, having heard of the Redfern story, in an endeavor to cast suspicion upon Miss Corcoran that he might realize the revenge he so frequently threatened. A comparison of the handwriting on the postcard and the letters received by Miss Corcoran from Giger seems to confirm that conclusion.

Miss Corcoran's trouble with Giger dated from the time of their first and only meeting more than a year ago. Giger was an artist at that time and was employed by the J. Charles Green company. He fell in love with the girl and, though thwarted at every turn by her family and herself, he persisted in sending threatening letters. After a time Giger disappeared, but letters were received from him with southern postmarks. Giger is supposed to be unbound mentally as the result of a fall he had while working in this city.

POLICE UNABLE TO FIND TRACE OF STOLEN FILMS

No trace has yet been found by Detective O'Dea of the films of the Jeffers-Johnson fight that were stolen from the Valencia street theater between Saturday night and Sunday morning, and he is puzzled to know what purpose the only clue he has, which is an indefinite one, is that a man had been talking about having friends in the government at Sonora, Mex., and the contact show them without fear of interference. He is endeavoring to trace this man with the object of finding out if he had anything to do with the theft of the lost films.

Local Brevities

WILL BURY WALKER HERE—Salt Lake City, Sept. 10.—The body of D. P. Walker, mercantile banker, who died here Sunday afternoon, will be buried here at San Francisco Tuesday night for burial.

SEARCH OF DISH WASHER—Louis Katsapalis, friends in the government at Sonora, Mex., and the contact show them without fear of interference. He is endeavoring to trace this man with the object of finding out if he had anything to do with the theft of the lost films.

HELD UP AND ROBBED—George Getz, swimming instructor at the Lurline baths, was held up by two armed footpads in front of his home at 2801 Webster street early yesterday morning. He retained \$32 and a gold watch and chain valued at \$80.

STABBED IN THE BACK—Pete Cortopaso, proprietor of a saloon and restaurant at 501 Washington street, was stabbed in the back late Sunday night by Adolph Maracani, cook in a restaurant at Battery and Market streets, who fed after the stabbing.

FIRE BARES 50 ACRES—Santa Cruz, Sept. 12.—A brush fire in the mountains near Glen Arbor, which threatened to destroy much valuable timber, has been subdued by a force of men under Fire Warden Al Maloit, which fought the flames all night. About 50 acres were burned over.

BOOZE VS. OPIUM; NAME THE WINNER

Division of Opinion of Three Justices Occasions Supreme Court Action

Kerrigan and Hall Differ From Cooper Relative to Rights of Chinese

With respect to the rights of Chinese a fixed division of opinion seems to have occurred among the three justices of the district court of appeals, with Justice Cooper declaring for equal privileges as between the Chinese players of fan tan and pi gow and the fashionable poker parties of the Bohemian and Pacific Union clubs, and in a case of habeas corpus declaring that Chinese have as much right to possess and enjoy opium as Americans have intoxicating beverages.

The case of the gambling rights of Chinese clubs within the local courts as a result of repeated raids by the police under former Chief Biggs. The Asiatic club, 118 Waverly place, asked for a restraining order, which Judge Seawell denied. This appeal, filed August 27, 1909, asking that the decision be reversed and an injunction granted, followed.

The gambling in the big American clubs and the tolerant attitude of the police toward these came in for a severe arraignment in this wise: "It is admitted that they have battered down doors on mere suspicion, yet no one can reasonably believe that the police officers were actuated by the pure and noble purpose of preventing the Chinese from obtaining money from each other by playing the game of fan tan. If such is their motive and purpose of card games with cards, which are not as wicked as fan tan, certainly belong to the same family."

Contrary to the view expressed by Justice Cooper that the American players of card games for stakes are as much in need of reforming as their brethren, Justices Hall and Kerrigan affirm the decision of Judge Seawell and say in their opinion that the police officers are within their orders.

The matter involves the rights of the Chinese clubs who have long been fighting, of being permitted to amuse themselves in the sanctity of their clubrooms by playing games of chance. The case went to the supreme court yesterday to have the difference of opinion among the eminent jurists adjudicated.

The second case in which a deadlock was encountered was the question of granting a writ of habeas corpus to Yun Quong, who was arrested by the authorities of Monterey for having opium on his person. Quong was imprisoned under the statute act of 1909, which makes it a crime to be in possession of opium.

Justice Cooper differed from his fellow jurists with respect to the relative injurious effects of using opium, and he cited the Chinese people as an example to sustain his view that opium was no more pernicious than the excessive use of intoxicants. He said:

"Opium is properly as commonly used by Chinese as intoxicating liquor by the English and Americans, beer by the Germans and wines by other nationalities, and apparently with no injurious effect. It can not be said that the Chinese are not a temperate and industrious people. On the contrary, they compare favorably with the people of other countries."

Justices Kerrigan and Hall in denying the order declared opium to be a "moral poison" whose unrestricted use would have a debasing effect on the population and that it would result in ill health, pauperism, misery and insanity.

Both cases were filed with the clerk of the supreme court yesterday for final judgment.

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