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Weather.

Showers tonight and Saturday; fresh to strong northeasterly winds.

CASH AND GOOD NEWS

No Wonder They're Jolly at Republican Headquarters.

CLAIM EVERYTHING NOW

That Is, Everything if You Don't Count Ohio.

ROOSEVELT IS GIVEN CREDIT

Even Critics Admit He Is Cause of Sudden Activity Among Party Hosts.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, October 23.—"Where did they get it?" That is the question the democrats at national headquarters are asking about their friends the enemy, just across the way, having reference to the prosperity of the republican campaign fund. The democratic managers look out of their windows in the Hoffman House across Madison Square at the great white marble building which shelters Chairman Hitchcock and his busy staff of workers, sadly shake their heads and repeat, "Where did they get it?"

Search me; I don't know. But they seem to have it and are using it to good advantage, apparently. It is simply amazing the extent to which the republicans are receiving good news from every part of the country except Ohio. Taft is booming and stronger every day. Hughes stock is looking up, and what was considered a desperate situation two weeks ago is now tinged with the aurora of hope.

The House of Representatives is safe for the republicans, undoubtedly, and the majority will be greater than the managers now admit. Information from Washington headquarters of the republican congressional committee received today brought very cheering news of republican prospects througnout the middle west. The republican majority in the House may run as high as forty-five or fifty.

John Sharp Is Suspicious.

At democratic headquarters they are making desperate efforts to conceal the despair of the managers. They are putting on a bold front and are trying to keep a stiff upper lip, but there is a little tremulousness every now and then.

John Sharp William meandered through the Hoffman House and encountered some of his Washington friends. Asked how he viewed the situation, the Mississippian, in his drawling way, said: "Well, from all I can see and from all I hear there is going to be a democratic tidal wave. But I have seen so many of these democratic tidal waves sweep the republican party in that I am getting suspicious of them."

One reason assigned for the astounding betterment of republican prospects in the past two weeks is that the country has been aroused by the persistent and desperate cry of "wolf" by the republican managers. For a while the country did not seem to realize that it might be possible for Bryan to be elected, and a great many of the interests which have heretofore been relied upon by the republicans showed signs of not caring very much if he were elected.

Then came the news of Bryan's amazing gains in the west. Indiana and Ohio showed signs of going by the board. The House of Representatives was declared to be in danger. The business interests were aroused from their state of apathy by the persistent hammering of prominent republicans, who declared that depression and possibly panic would follow Bryan's election.

A golden stream began to pour into the republican campaign coffers. It was a Niagara in comparison to the little dribble which had been trickling along up to that time. The republicans were enabled thereby to do many legitimate campaign stunts which were necessary. They got out their literature, put their speakers on the stump and did many things to boost their game.

Roosevelt Given the Credit.

To President Roosevelt belongs the credit of doing a great deal to arouse the slumbering republican hosts to action. In New York there are some people who do not like him, but even his unfriends give him credit for being a consummate politician and exerting a power in politics far-reaching and astounding.

The republican managers expect Mr. Taft to have a smashing big vote in the electoral college, although the popular vote may be not so far above Mr. Bryan's. One republican in a position to be in touch with conditions told me he would not be surprised if Mr. Taft would run behind Mr. Bryan on the popular vote.

The republican managers claim that the democrats are in utter rout and point to Mr. Bryan's fretful utterances as indicative of it. They say that his charges of corruption and coercion show that the democrats feel that their case is desperate. Henry A. Williams, chairman of the Ohio republican state committee, was at national headquarters today and gave out an interview.

Mr. Williams' Statement

"The only doubt that I hear about the republicans carrying Ohio comes from outside the state," said Mr. Williams. He and State Auditor Walter S. Guilbert are in the city to confer with Chairman Hitchcock about the progress of the campaign in the Buckeye state.

"There have been some disturbing conditions among the laboring men in the commercial centers of the state," admitted Chairman Williams. "But the approach of the election has led them to appreciate that only the republican party is to be relied upon for a speedy return to the prosperous times, and that Taft can do immeasurably more for them than Bryan. The tour of the republican candidate through the state was an eye-opener. Never having campaigned in the state, he had met only a comparatively few people. They had not come in contact with his personality. Everywhere he went he was greeted by immense crowds, and I believe that at every meeting he made hundreds of votes for his ticket.

"The negroes of the state will vote the republican ticket. While there are some local troubles, we are confident that these will not interfere with the national or state ticket and that both will be elected by large majorities." N. O. M.

FIRE MENACES ERIE HARBOR.

Careless Hunters Start It and Navy Men Fight It.

ERIE, Pa., October 23.—Careless hunters started a fire last night on the peninsula, Erie harbor protection, and 200 men under command of United States Engineer Reed, assisted by Capt. White and sixty-two men from the United States ship Wolverine, formerly the Michigan, fought the flames throughout the night.

The fire is burning fiercely today. It is feared heavy damage will result to the harbor.

TO GO AFTER MAGNESS

Officer to Take Naval Deserter to Philadelphia.

TO STAND COURT-MARTIAL

Latest Phase of Sensational Denouement to Romance.

WIFE TO PLEAD FOR SPOUSE

To Spare No Efforts to Secure Elimination of Prison Penalty—Baltimore Woman's Claims.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., October 23.—Charles J. Magness, deserter from the navy and husband of Mrs. Ada Gorman Magness, daughter of the late Senator Gorman of Maryland, will probably leave for Philadelphia tonight, where he will stand court-martial. The police received a message from the Navy Department today saying that an officer from Cincinnati would be in Louisville today to arrange for Magness' removal to Philadelphia.

Magness was not in a good humor today, and showed it plainly by declining to comment on the report that he may be a defendant in a breach of promise suit which may be brought by Miss Georgiana Kappler of Baltimore, who, according to a dispatch from the east, maintains that Magness was to have married her September 22 last.

Magness was again allowed to leave the jail last night and visit his wife at her boarding house.

Washington friends of Mrs. Charles Joseph Magness, formerly Miss Ada Gorman, have not recovered from the shock which followed the arrest of Magness at Louisville on the charge of being a deserter from the United States Navy.

Every phase of the romance, the marriage and the sensational denouement was discussed today at places where men and women meet or where they congregated. The story of how Miss Gorman, a recognized society leader, became enamored of a sailor-musician was told and retold. The disparity in their ages as well as in their social status was discussed. Fashionable women queried each other as to how the matter would end, and all sorts of prognostications, good and evil, were made.

But with all the gossip there were some acquaintances of Mrs. Magness who praised her loyalty in sticking to the man who had by his own volition brought so much of scandal and disgrace upon his head; who would be "bob-tailed" out of the navy and perhaps have to serve time in a naval prison for violating his oath and deserting the government he had promised to serve—one, also, who had brought so much sorrow into the life of the favorite daughter of Maryland's late senator.

Will Appeal to President.

The statement was made here today that Mrs. Magness will make a pathetic appeal to President Roosevelt and Secretary Metcalf in behalf of her recreant spouse. Naval and military officers say the penalty for desertion in time of peace is dishonorable discharge and a term of years in prison. In time of war the penalty is death. It may be possible for the unfortunate wife to get the prison feature eliminated, they said, but he must be given a discharge without honor, known in the service as a "bobtail."

In this connection it is also stated that certain prominent democratic statesmen and some republicans, who were intimate friends of the late Senator Gorman, will interest themselves in behalf of Magness, should his wife request it.

Intimate friends of Mrs. Magness declare she will leave no stone unturned in her efforts in behalf of her husband, as bad as he may be. One of them asserts that after the sensation subsides the matter in the last analysis will be viewed from the standpoint of another case of "love defying locksmiths." Notwithstanding the humble origin of Magness and the fact that he was but a bluejacket in Uncle Sam's navy, the woman's love for him was strong enough to overlook social obstacles. It was pointed out that other women of high standing socially have done worse things than marry a sailor, even though he deserted his ship because of the influence of Cupid.

Another Woman in the Case.

Word came from Baltimore today that Miss Georgianna Kappler, who was Magness' affianced and was jilted by the sailor because he had met Miss Gorman and plighted his troth to her, has announced her intention to make more trouble for Magness. She is being urged to sue him for a good round sum for breach of promise. A gold ring with a sparkling diamond setting, worn on her engagement finger, will, it is said, be used in evidence should the suit be entered by Miss Kappler. She said Magness gave it to her when he promised to wed her, as a token of the covenant.

It is known that Miss Kappler gave the naval authorities the "tip" which led to the arrest of the deserter. She is a comely young woman of twenty-one years.

The mother of Miss Kappler is quoted in a Baltimore paper as saying:

"That man Magness treated my daughter mean, but we all liked him very much. I know he gave my daughter that diamond as an engagement ring. My daughter told him she did not believe he wanted to marry her. When 'Joe' declared he was serious my daughter told him to give her something to seal the engagement, and he gave her the ring.

"Of course, my daughter liked 'Joe' a great deal, but I believe she is like her father, and if you hurt her once she is through with you. I cannot say how she feels toward the young man now, but seeing her name in the newspapers worried her a great deal. I told her to hold up her head, because we have been living here thirty years and my husband has been working in the sawmill across the street all that time.

"When we saw a large diamond pin in 'Joe's' necktie my daughter asked him where he got it. He told her Miss Gorman gave it to him. When my daughter pouted about it, he said: 'Ah, go on; she's an old married woman!'"

Both Once Worked in Shirt Factory.

The young girl who says she was jilted by the musician said she first met Magness when both were employed at a shirt factory on North Exeter street. That was four years ago, and their friendship gradually ripened into what her family regarded as an engagement, with a date for the wedding.

When she saw the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Ada Gorman to Mr. C. J. Hartlove in a newspaper Miss Keppler, it is said, became suspicious for she had heard Miss Gorman's name from Magness. She also knew that Magness had enlisted in the navy under the name of Hartlove, and, too, she had not seen the musician since the latter part

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THE PRE-ELECTION ROAD AGENT.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE

Bulgaria and Turkey Likely to Settle Differences.

CONSTANTINOPLE MEETING

Conferences With Grand Vizier May Be Fruitful.

MIXED COMMISSION PLAN

Principle Decided Upon for Turco-Bulgarian Committee to Settle Railroad Issue.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, October 23.—The government has ordered M. Dimitroff, its special envoy to Constantinople, to return here for new instructions. This has given rise to fears that the Turco-Bulgarian negotiations looking to a settlement of the trouble that has arisen from Bulgaria's sudden declaration of independence have become futile; but the government insists that the negotiations have not been broken; that they have only been interrupted to permit the envoys to report adequately in person.

Since the beginning of the crisis neither state has transmitted any messages in cipher. M. Dimitroff has been able to send only fragmentary open dispatches.

Replying to the question whether Bulgaria intended to resume the negotiations with Turkey, Foreign Minister Poprikoff said he hoped so, but he explained that M. Dimitroff's mission was practically over. He was sent to Constantinople primarily as a peace scout to reconnoiter the ground.

Count Thurn, the diplomatic agent here of Austria-Hungary, had a long conference today with M. Poprikoff. At the conclusion of his talk he said the prospects for peace were good in spite of this hitch in the negotiations. It is the opinion of the count that Bulgaria eventually will consent to pay a moderate sum, about $12,000,000, to Turkey in lieu of tribute.

Predicts Money Compensation.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

PARIS, October 23.—A dispatch from Sofia states that a former Bulgarian finance minister says Bulgaria will finally agree to Turkey's demand for money compensation for the loss of the eastern Rumelian tribute and that some big foreign banks have been sounded on the subject.

Explosives for Saloniki.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

PARIS, October 23.—Artillery explosives for Turkey, valued at nearly $1,000,000, are being embarked at Marseille for Saloniki.

Mixed Commission to Settle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 23.—The envoys sent here by Bulgaria to discuss the situation arising from Bulgaria's declaration of independence left Constantinople today for Sofia, where they will report the result of their conversations with Grand Vizier Kiamil. In spite of some divergence of views, it is expected that official negotiations between the two states soon will be opened. In the meanwhile a principle has been decided upon for the settlement of the question of the East Rumelian railroad. This will be accomplished by a mixed Turco-Bulgarian commission, the principal Turkish delegate being Gabriel Mouradunghia, minister of public works.

Porte Protests.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 23.—M. Pallacini, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, again urged on the porte yesterday that it come to a direct understanding with Austria-Hungary on the Bosnia-Herzigovina question, with the object of excluding it from the proposed European conference. But he was again unsuccessful. The porte maintained its attitude of protest against the annexation and held to the view that the question of settlement pertained to the conference.

CHIEF BELT'S SON DROWNED

FALLS OVERBOARD FROM POWER YACHT DACOTA.

William T. Belt, jr., the only son of William T. Belt, chief engineer of the District fire department, fell overboard from the power yacht Dacota into the harbor some time during last night and was drowned. How or at what time the accident took place is not known. His body was taken from the water by the crew of the harbor police boat about 11 o'clock this morning and was carried to the morgue. This afternoon it was taken to the home of his father, at 233 North Capital street, to be prepared for burial.

The deceased, who was twenty-two years of age, was a licensed steamboat pilot, and in that capacity was employed yesterday by R. L. Galt as one of the officers of his new power boat, the yacht Dacota. The young man, it is stated, spent the evening ashore yesterday and last night about 11 o'clock returned to the yacht to spend the night. Clarence Wilson, janitor of the Capitol Yacht Clubhouse, rowed the deceased from the clubhouse to the yacht, lying in midstream off the clubhouse, and after putting him aboard the yacht returned to the clubhouse. He was the last one to see the young man alive, as no one was aboard the yacht with him.

This morning, about 10 o'clock, A. S. Turner, engineer of the yacht, was aboard the vessel, and not finding Belt made a search for him. His hat and coat were found, but no trace of the young man. The harbor office was notified and the harbor about the yacht was dragged. The police had been at work but a short time when the body was brought to the surface. It was fully clothed except for coat and vest.

The clothing on the lower part of the body was about the feet, as if the young man, after he fell into the water, had endeavored to remove it in the effort to save himself.

Belt from early boyhood had been fond of the water and had adopted the life of a steamboat pilot as his calling.

For the past year he had been in the employment of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company as second officer on the steamer Washington, running between this city and Old Point and Norfolk.

The deceased was a young man of lovable disposition and was very popular with his shipmates and with all who knew him. His funeral will take place from the residence of his father, 233 North Capital street, Monday afternoon next at 3 o'clock. The interment will be in Glenwood cemetery. The untimely death of his son came as a great shock to Chief Belt, and he has been the recipient of many messages of condolence from his friends throughout the city.

SAVED IN BREECHES BUOY.

Captain, Wife and Crew Rescued Off Bodies Island, N. C.

NORFOLK, Va., October 23.—The three-masted schooner Flora Rogers, Capt. Lowry, from Georgetown, S. C., for New Haven, Conn., lumber laden, was driven ashore on Bodies Island, N. C., ninety miles south of Cape Henry, early today, and now lies a complete wreck on the beach.

Capt. Lowry and his wife, from Bath, Me., and six men were rescued by the life savers of the Bodies Island and Nags Head lifesaving stations, who brought them all ashore in the breeches buoy, the seas being too high to launch surf boats.

The Rogers is fast breaking to pieces with her cargo of lumber washing ashore. The wreck is attributed to either a dragging anchor or to the master losing his bearings in the thick weather.

THE BATTLE OF KANAWHA.

Secretary Wright Approves Plans for Commemorative Shaft on Site.

Secretary Wright has approved plans for the erection of a beautiful granite shaft nearly 100 feet in height on a prominent site in Point Pleasant, W. Va., at the junction of the Ohio and Kanawha rivers, to commemorate the battle of Kanawha. That battle took place October 10, 1774, and was a great victory for the colonial troops over the Indians.

Congress appropriated the sum of $10,000 to aid in the erection of this memorial structure. The state of Virginia contributed $5,000 and the citizens of Point Pleasant donated the ground for the site and approaches. The contract for the monument has been awarded the Van Amringe Company of Boston.

WHEN TAFT ARRIVES

Great Demonstration Tonight Planned for Candidate.

IN INDIANAPOLIS SECTION

Big Rally in Indiana State Capital Tonight.

VICE PRESIDENT TO TALK

Extended Speeches in Lafayette, Marion, Muncie and Anderson.

Short Addresses Elsewhere.

Talks to Miners.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 23.—Upon the arrival of William H. Taft in Indianapolis this afternoon it is planned to have a great demonstration, which will include a parade. All of the nearby cities have arranged to send large delegations and the Indianapolis republicans are expected to turn out in great numbers. Mr. Taft will probably make three speeches and will be joined in his talks by Vice President Fairbanks and Representative Overstreet.

The principal address will be made at University Park, directly opposite the new statue of Benjamin Harrison, which is to be unveiled in a few days. From the steps of the Columbia Club the next addresses will be made and the last talks of the evening will be in the courthouse yard.

Circles Around Indianapolis.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., October 23.—Judge Taft will circle around Indianapolis today and will be about forty miles from that city at all points of his trip—tonight he will go there to participate in a big rally. He will today make extended speeches in Lafayette, Marion, Muncie and Anderson, and ten to fifteen minute speeches in Brazil, Greencastle, Roachdale, Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Rushville, Kokomo, Greentown, Shirley, Knightstown, Russiaville and Shelbyville.

To carry out this heavy itinerary it was necessary for the candidate to be up at 6 o'clock this morning. At that time his train was on a siding in a quiet field about five miles from Brazil. The comparatively short run had been made after midnight from Evansville to the siding that the candidate might have a few hours of quiet.

Intense Political Interest.

Like yesterday, the day began with indications of intense political interest. The 7 o'clock crowds at Brazil numbered many hundreds. "I take it as a great compliment to our cause that you are out at this hour," was the greeting of Judge Taft after he had been heartily cheered.

"I am sure it argues," he added, "just as our meetings yesterday argued, that the people of Indiana are aroused to the necessity of voting as republicans on the 3d of next November." The candidate then illustrated the importance of the election by calling attention to Brazil's coal and agricultural interests, and declared it to be necessary to restore confidence among investors if prosperity was to be continued. Former Gov. Durbin and Representative Holliday joined the special at Brazil for the day, and at each station the crowd of local committeemen who accompanied the train became larger.

BRYAN PASSES THROUGH.

No One Saw Him as He Was Soundly Sleeping.

A small gathering was greatly disappointed at not being able to see William Jennings Bryan, who passed through here early today, en route to New York.

Bryan, who came in from West Virginia over the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad at 7:00 o'clock, was asleep during the entire time his train stopped at the Union station. No member of the presidential candidate's party put in an appearance.

The candidate's train departed at 7:23 over the Pennsylvania railroad for Philadelphia.

BRYAN INVADES JERSEY

Fresh After Long Sleep on Journey East.

STOP AT WILMINGTON, DEL.

Large Crowd Also Greets Him at Philadelphia Station.

HIS EYE ON THE NEWSPAPERS

Tells Crowd He's Anxious to Know if President Has Deposed Him as Candidate.

WILMINGTON, Del., October 23.—A large crowd gathered at the Pennsylvania railroad station here today to see William J. Bryan. His train was late and Mr. Bryan had only time to make the following remarks:

"Gentlemen: I am watching the newspapers very closely these days, and I noticed yesterday morning that President Roosevelt had deposed Mr. Gompers as the labor leader and substituted Senator Knox. I was anxious to see the papers this morning to learn if he had deposed me as the democratic candidate for President and substituted some one else."

Mr. Bryan today is en route to New Jersey, where he will deliver numerous speeches. He did not awake until 10 o'clock. Much fatigued as the result of his labors in Ohio and West Virginia, he retired at 10:30 o'clock last night immediately after speaking at Ronceverte, W. Va. He thus had more than eleven hours' sleep and was much refreshed in consequence.

The itinerary for today provides for stops at Trenton, Lambertville, Frenchtown, Milford, Phillipsburg, Hampton Junction, White House, Somerville, Bound Brook, Elizabethport, Perth Amboy, New Brunswick, winding up at Newark at 8:30 tonight.

Big Crowd at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, October 23.—A large crowd, including many railroad employes, greeted Mr. Bryan at the West Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railroad today. The train was an hour late, and during the wait the crowd was entertained by a local speaker. Mr. Bryan was met here by a committee representing the democratic state campaign committee of New Jersey, which will conduct his tour in that state. Mr. Bryan was greeted with much enthusiasm and calls for a speech. He was interrupted in the midst of his talk by cries for Mrs. Bryan, and when she was escorted to the platform of the car by the presidential candidate there were cries of "Hurrah for the first lady of the land." Repeated cheers for Mrs. Bryan caused her to appear on the platform for the second time. Mr. Bryan was here for about twelve minutes, and in his speech talked on the labor question. Much applause greeted his declaration: "I can stand defeat much better than the laboring men can afford to have republican success in this campaign."

Refers to Roosevelt Letter.

"The letter of President Roosevelt in attacking Mr. Gompers, who has had the confidence of laboring men for years, is to my mind an evidence that the republican managers have lost all hope of holding or securing the labor vote, and that they are now trying to secure the support of corporate interests by denouncing the leaders of the labor organization."

The crowd demanded that Mr. Bryan talk some more. "We know you're tired, but just give us a little more of that kind."

"No," said Mr. Bryan, "I am not tired. I am feeling better now than at any time during the campaign. I will keep it up until the night of election."

Why His Voice Holds Out.

He provoked wild applause when he said that he thought the reason his voice held out better than the voice of the republican speakers "is that I do not have to put through my throat any ragged arguments that tear my throat, and I can sleep well because I am not disturbed at night worrying about what I said yesterday or will say tomorrow. I have to waste no time hunting up amendment to my platform or apologizing for my convictions, for my platform covers all that I want in it and there is nothing in it that I want to take out. My platform differs from Mr. Taft's in this: That I can use all of mine everywhere and he has to make selections from his according to the place at which he speaks."

Mr. Bryan left for Trenton, N. J., at 11:20 o'clock.

GREEN APPLES HIS DOWNFALL.

Unique Sequel of Disobeying Mandate of Superior Officer.

NEW YORK, October 23.—Because he ate green apples after repeated instructions from his superior officer not to do so, Private Bernard Leiser of Battery D, 3d Field Artillery, U. S. A., has been dishonorably discharged from the service and sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances due him and to be confined at hard labor for six months. The verdict of the court-martial, which considered the charge against Leiser, found him guilty and imposed sentence was announced from army headquarters here today.

The specific charge was "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in violation of the sixty-second article of war."

It was found that Leiser ate the green apples after having received a lawful order from a sergeant to throw them away. Leiser will serve his sentence at Fort Myer, Va.

KILLS FELLOW OFFICER.

Pittsburg Detective Mistakes Policeman for Highwayman.

PITTSBURG, Pa., October 23.—City Detective Clyde Edeburn early this morning shot and almost instantly killed Policeman Thomas Farrell, who, it is said, he mistook for a highwayman, although the police department refuses to give out any details of the tragedy.

The officers were stationed on the North Side and Farrell, it is said, had arrested a bartender on Melrose avenue and his prisoner was fighting him when Edeburn appeared. Farrell fired several shots just then and Edeburn opened fire when he reached the pair.

Farrell was in plain clothes.

Death of Lieut. A. C. Rogers.

The Navy Department is informed that First Lieut. Austin C. Rogers, U. S. Marine Corps, attached to the 1st Brigade of Marines in the Philippines, died at Cavite, P. I., this morning. No details are given. Lieut. Rogers was from Texas and was appointed second lieutenant of marines in September, 1900. He was promoted to first lieutenant in March, 1903, and had been in the Philippines since April, 1907.

BURNING OUT CONVICT

Ring of Fire Surrounds Child's Assailant.

PURSUERS BENT ON DEATH

He Sends Word He Will Not Give Up and Makes Threats.

SIOUX INDIAN TRACKS HIM

Home of Fugitive and Those of His Relatives Are Searched at Highland Falls.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

MONROE, N. Y., October 23.—With every avenue of escape guarded by armed men, and a circle of fire gradually growing nearer and nearer to his hiding place, Charles Pitney, a former convict, wanted on a charge of having mistrated Sarah Smith, a twelve-year-old schoolgirl, is cornered today in the mountains near this place.

The man is known to be armed and has warned his besiegers that he will never be captured alive, and that he will fight until he comes to his last cartridge, and will then use this on himself. The convict is hiding on a rocky ledge on the Skuneymont hill.

Clergymen, farmers and merchants are included in the cordon thrown around the hill, and despite the fact that the sheriff of Orange county and a score of his deputies are present, there is little chance of the man being taken to jail if he is captured. The fire circle started to burn the man out will reach the top of the hill this afternoon.

Early today a Sioux Indian from Oklahoma, Charles Dickey, came forward and offered his services to the chief of police in tracking Pitney. His offer was accepted and he was taken to the cemetery. Picking up the trail from there he followed it across fields and through the forest, his followers constantly gaining recruits from the earlier pursuers, who were completely at fault. At Skuneymont, a low hill covered thickly with brush, Dickey circled the rise and announced that although the track led up the eminence the convict had gone no further.

On being assured that the man had been run down the sheriff disposed his forces so as to surround Skuneymont. Every man in the line was ordered to capture Pitney alive, if possible, and there were few to grumble at the plan, although they were not ready to promise peaceable procedure after that.

Prisoner Sends Message.

While the cordon was being drawn in a boy was brought before Sheriff Hock with a message from the convict. Pitney had come upon him in the woods and had told him to say he would die before submitting to capture.

Although her condition is serious, Carrie Smith is said by physicians to have a chance of recovery.

Miss Smith, who has been under the care of Dr. C. H. Hall of Monroe, was able to be up and about yesterday.

She says she was so frightened when Pitney thrust a pistol in her face and dragged her into the bushes by the roadside that she at first made no outcry under his threat to kill her. She quickly recovered her nerve, however, and fought him off and gave a scream that scared the man away.

Pitney spent five years in Elmira reformatory, and since his release a year ago has lived about this town. He is generally known as a worthless character and has been watched by the police.

He had no steady occupation and supported himself by working at times for farmers. He had once been employed by Fred Smith, and the girl's statement of the identity of her assailant is therefore accepted without question.

Among those in this place who have not joined in the hunt the feeling is no less high than among those who are watching at Skuneymont. The men are determined that Pitney shall never be lodged in the jail alive, and are ready to take him from the sheriff should that official succeed in taking him away from the posse.

Pursuers Bent on His Death.

Peter G. Lewis, a rich farmer, grandfather of Sarah Smith, said last night:

"If I met that man Pitney on the road I would shoot him like a dog."

Mr. Lewis said he would offer a reward for Pitney's capture.

The community is greatly aroused against the fugitive, and many recall that this was the third crime of the kind charged against him.

Ten years ago, it is alleged, he attacked the daughter of Jeremiah Arnold. No legal punishment was meted out to him. Two years later he attacked the daughter of Frank Lewis, for which he was sent to the Elmira reformatory for an indeterminate sentence.

Three years ago he was released on parole, returned to Highland Mills, married a respectable girl and settled in a suburb of that place known as New City.

Since then, according to his neighbors, he has had no settled occupation, posing as the "village dandy," and living on his wits. Good looking and a dare-devil when drinking, he has long been feared by the peaceful folk around him.

Carrie Smith, his twelve-year-old victim, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, who live just outside of Monroe. Mr. Smith is a prosperous farmer.

The girl was on her way home from school when she met Pitney near a cemetery about a mile from here. The man was riding a bicycle. Dismounting he seized her by the throat.

When she returned to consciousness she was in a distant part of the cemetery. She managed to crawl to her home and found her mother on the doorstep. She was barely conscious, but was able to tell the name of her assailant, whom she knew by sight.

The father summoned physicians and then spread the word among his neighbors. About fifty men quickly gathered, Sheriff Hock and Under Sheriff Decker placing themselves at the head of the posse.

It was learned that Pitney had taken to the mountains, and an exhausting all night and all day search followed. Volunteers from Newburg, Middletown, Goshen and intermediate points joined the hunt, but little headway was made toward discovering the exact direction taken by the fugitive.

Many Threats of Lynching.

It has been years since Orange county had such a man hunt, and threats are freely made that Pitney may be shot or hung if caught. The search did not stop with the close of the day, but will continue throughout the night. The posses are equipped with lanterns and a number of good coon dogs and foxhounds.

The last seen of Pitney was at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when he ran across the fields of Gilbert Earle's place at the foot of the Schunemunk mountains, three miles from the scene of the attack on the Smith girl.

Traced to Sleeping Place.

The posses early yesterday thought they were close on the trail of the fugitive