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GRIMES AND HART KIDNAP JUDGE WALDO'S GRANDCHILD AT LAS VEGAS AND GET \$12,000 RANSOM

ALBUQUERQUE JAIL BIRDS TAKE BABE FROM MOTHER AT POINT OF PISTOLS AND ESCAPE TO RENDEZVOUS IN THE MOUNTAINS NEAR BY

Rogers Home in Meadow City Is Entered at Night by Desperadoes and Child Lifted from Its Bed; Mother Is Threatened With Death If She Makes Resistance, but Declines to Give Up Child Until She Has Clothed It Properly; House is Guarded by Members of Gang While Those Inside Secure Victim.

MONEY ASKED BY KIDNAPERS IS TAKEN TO MOUNTAINS AND DELIVERED WITHOUT PROTEST

Posses Are Scouring the Country in Search of Yeggmen and Governor May Be Asked to Call Out Militia to Aid in Hunt; Little Victim of Desperate Affair Safe at Home With Mother Who Was Driven to Frenzy by Fear for Its Safety; Men Cared for Baby Tenderly and It Was Not Injured From Exposure to Night Air and Long Trip to Rendezvous--It is believed Gang is Still in Hiding Near Scene of Latest Exploit.

Special to Evening Herald.

Las Vegas, N. M., March 31.—Waldo Rogers, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Rogers, and grandson of Judge Henry L. Waldo, general counsel for the Santa Fe, who was kidnaped from his helpless mother at midnight last night, was returned to his parents at 1 o'clock this morning after having been held in the hands of a gang of desperadoes for more than 24 hours.

Twelve thousand dollars in \$100 bills was paid to the kidnapers by Will Rogers, the boy's uncle, before the stolen child was returned. The kidnapers are still at large, with no immediate prospect for their capture. The kidnaping was the most daringly planned and boldly executed in the history of kidnaping cases in the southwest.

It is confidently believed here that the kidnapers are James Grimes, Dennis Hart and George Fuller, a trio of ex-convicts who broke out of jail in Albuquerque ten days ago, where they were being held awaiting the action of the federal grand jury on a charge of robbing postoffices in New Mexico.

Las Vegas is in the throes of intense excitement because of the high-handed outrage, and if any of the ringleaders in the gang of kidnapers are caught there is but small doubt that they will soon swing from the nearest telegraph pole.

Young Rogers, who is a mere baby only out of swaddling clothes a few months, was forcibly taken from his mother at midnight Thursday. Single-handed, a desperado, gun in hand, forced his way into the Rogers home. Mr. Rogers was in Raton on legal business and Mrs. Rogers was alone with her baby and her brother-in-law, Will Rogers.

The desperado first entered young Rogers' room and covered him with a gun. When Mrs. Rogers was attracted to the room by the noise she, too, was told to be quiet or she would be killed. The desperado, laughing at the suggestion of Mrs. Rogers that he take the valuables in the house and depart, demanded that she and her brother-in-law go into the nursery and give him the baby boy.

With a scream of terror Mrs. Rogers rushed to the nursery and slammed the door shut. The lock on the door failed to work, and although she tried hard to prevent the desperado from entering the room he forced his way in, accompanied by young Rogers, and with gun in hand compelled them to turn the boy over to him. That Mrs. Rogers pay him \$12,000 in cash or give him the boy was the ultimatum of the highwayman.

The money being not forthcoming, the kidnaper took the boy, but good naturedly permitted his mother to dress him and kiss him a last farewell before she parted with him.

Where the boy spent the 48 hours during the time he was in the hands of the desperadoes is not known. He says that he was blindfolded immedi-

ately after the robber took him from the house. The lad says he was treated kindly and given good things to eat. Complying with the instructions left by the desperado, the Rogers secured \$12,000, and at midnight last night the money was paid over to the man who evidently engineered the job all the way through, being the same man who did the leading work in kidnaping the boy from his mother. The \$12,000 was turned over to the kidnapers by young Will Rogers at a point designated by the note of instructions. Within a half an hour the boy was returned to Rogers and soon thereafter he was in the hands of his frantic mother and father.

Las Vegas, N. M., March 31.—Formerly removed from the home of his parents in the early morning hours yesterday by a masked and heavily armed intruder, little Waldo Rogers, the 2-year-old son of Attorney and Mrs. A. T. Rogers, Jr., 1909 Main street, was held a prisoner all day yesterday by a band of kidnapers. He was returned alive and well to his almost frantic parents shortly after midnight this morning. The price of the boy's ransom was \$12,000, which was paid to the kidnapers with great secrecy and under conditions imposed by them, to which the Rogers adhered with exactness. After the child had been placed once more in the arms of his mother, where he fell into a restful sleep, the city police and the sheriff's office were notified. Led by A. T. Rogers, father of the kidnaped boy, a strong posse, a large number of men in automobiles, and on horseback scoured the country in the vicinity of Las Vegas in an effort to locate the escaped kidnapers. Every station on the Santa Fe is watched by officers, but the men had evidently laid their plans well to make good their escape with their booty. As the morning dawned, not a trace of them had been discovered.

Today the sheriff's office has strong posses at work, while the city police and a force of Santa Fe detectives under the leadership of Special Officer J. D. Snowden, is also making a careful search.

Cleofes Romero, warden of the territorial penitentiary, arrived this afternoon from Santa Fe with several bloodhounds, which were placed on the trail of the kidnapers. Judge Henry L. Waldo, grandfather of the kidnaped boy, was notified immediately after the recovery of the child. He is on his way to Las Vegas from Kearsley, where he was being held a short time with his family. He has wired to the officers here to spare no expense in effecting the capture of the kidnapers. Judge Waldo is general counsel for the Santa Fe and detectives of that road are assisting in the case. It is strongly suspected that Dennis Hart, who recently escaped from the Bernalillo county jail in Albuquerque, where he was being held under sentence to the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth for post-office robberies at Fort Sumner and other places in the territory, was the ringleader in the kidnaping. Joe Grimes and George Fuller, two men who escaped with Hart, and who were in jail on similar charges, are believed to have assisted in turning the trick.

So more resourceful or desperate trio of criminals ever ran loose and the job bears the earmarks of their handiwork. Hart has relatives in Las Ve-

gas and it was suspected for some time that he was hanging about the city, although the officers were unable to get any definite trace of him. Amazing cunning was brought into play by the gang in its operation. They evidently had been watching the movements of the Rogers for several days and they chose the night upon which Mr. Rogers was out of town to steal the child. They had secured a key to the front door of the Rogers home, which they used in effecting an entrance, and it is believed that they had been in the house at least once before they put their plan into operation.

Wednesday Mr. Rogers went to Raton, where he appeared as an attorney in a case in the district court in session in Colfax county. Evidently the kidnapers thought this an opportune time to steal the child. Mrs. Rogers, however, had asked Mr. Rogers' brother, Will Rogers, to stay in the house in the absence of his brother. Shortly after midnight she heard footsteps on the stairs. Soon a broken conversation came from the room occupied by Will Rogers. Believing some one had entered with the intention of burglary, she hurried to young Rogers' room. A masked man was standing by the bed, covering young Rogers with a heavy revolver. When Mrs. Rogers entered the man made her hold up her hands. At the same time young Rogers reached for his revolver, which was under his pillow.

"No you don't, kid," said the man, "I'll just take charge of that shooting iron myself," and he seized the gun.

"We don't care to have trouble," said Mrs. Rogers. "I will show you where the silverware, jewelry and what money is in the house are located. Help yourself and get out quietly."

"It's not the money we want," said the intruder, "we want that kid and are going to have him."

M. Cunningham and other bankers, in an effort to raise the \$12,000, she refused to tell the bankers the reason for her desire for the money at that time in the morning, other than that the family was in terrible trouble, but because of the fact that the time lapsed on the various banks were tightly in combination, and there was but little hope of opening them before banking hours, she was unable to secure the money before daylight. Even if she had secured the money at once it would have availed nothing, as the kidnapers had arranged in their note that the payment of the money should be made last night, and it would have been impossible to locate them after they left the house. H. T. Rogers was notified by telegraph that he must return at once. He arrived yesterday morning on the California limited. Fearing the boy would come to some harm, the Rogers maintained the strictest secrecy yesterday. Not a soul besides themselves and the bankers who furnished the money knew what had occurred. The money was placed in two packages, containing \$6,000 each, and preparations were made to comply with the conditions for the return of the boy. Those were that Will Rogers, whom the robbers designated as "that long-legged, light-haired brother of yours," was to go alone, north along the railroad track at midnight, bringing the money with him. This he did. He got into his automobile shortly after 12 o'clock and drove north rapidly. Four miles north of town, on a hill between Azuli, and the stock yards, he was stopped by a masked man, who stepped alone into the glare of the auto lamp.

"Well, kid," said the man, "you showed more nerve than I thought you had from the way you acted last night. Have you the money with you?"

Rogers nodded an assent.

"You needn't mind taking your hands off that steering wheel," the man continued, "I can get the money all right. And he took the packages of money from Rogers' pockets, counting the bills, one by one, as assured himself the full amount was there. Then he said: "Drive down the road a quarter of a mile and turn right," Rogers complied. When he returned the masked man said:

"You will find the boy at the top of the first hill south of Las Vegas on the Romarville road. Drive down there, but don't try to go too fast, and don't go through town. And then good night."

Rogers did not lose any time getting out of gunshot. He hurried to the place designated. There lay a blanket on the side of the road, the young Master Waldo Rogers. He was in good spirits.

"Hello, Uncle Will," he greeted.

He was brought to the city as fast as the big automobile could get up the miles and was placed in the hands of his loving mother. Immediately the officers were notified and the search for the kidnapers began. At least three and possibly four men were included in the kidnaping scheme, Rogers says though he saw but one man when he handed over the money. Two horses were hitched to a fence near the road. He believes he saw another man standing near where he saw the horses. That other man was on guard in town yesterday and last night, is the belief held by Rogers.

By Fred, Cheate county, Illinois. Translated success of E. H. Martin, captain, Curry county, Georgia. H. Hamilton succeeds H. W. Watson.

SAN ANTONIO LIGHT BOUGHT BY MEN OF ABILITY

Colonel Diehl and Harry Beach Will Tackle Afternoon Field in Texas Metropolis.

BUTTE IS BANKRUPT BY OFFICERS WHO HELD JOBS FOR TEN YEARS

Business Men Complete an Audit of Accounts and Find That Great Sums Are Missing From Treasury.

BOOKS AND RECORDS CAN NOT BE FOUND EITHER

City Has Exceeded Its Legal Indebtedness by Many Thousands and Conditions Are Deplorable.

Butte, Mont., March 31.—An audit of the city's finances for the last 10 years has been made public by the Butte business men's association. Many discrepancies in the accounts of various officials were reported.

Many receipt books are missing, and poll tax receipts and cash books gone.

The city has exceeded its legal indebtedness by \$723,000 and only \$1800 has been set aside to meet the bond issue of \$400,000 maturing in four years.

The advance sheets of general funds show \$45,000 due to the city from former officials.

POSTMASTERS ARE APPOINTED

New Mexico Postal Officials Are Announced From Washington: Many Changes Are Made.

Staff Correspondent to The Evening Herald.)

Washington, D. C., March 31.—New Fourth class postmasters appointed for New Mexico follow:

Kirk, Quay county, Joseph T. Sitig, succeed L. H. Coates; White, Sinaloa, Grant county, Ida E. Mohrley, succeed W. M. Matherly; Lamy, Santa Fe county, Camille Duran, succeed J. P. Hunter; Colorado, Sierra county, Mary E. Williams, succeed T. H. Williamson; Idaho, Rio Arriba, Earl T. Wiley, succeed R. H. Conover;

Wyoming, Cheyenne county, Thomas C. Ford, succeed E. C. Martin; Utah, Curry county, George H. Hamilton, succeed H. W. Watson.

TWO NEW STATES AT THE COMING EXTRA SESSION

Eugene Brady O'Neill Here Today on Way to Washington to Work for Statehood for Arizona.

In the opinion of Eugene Brady O'Neill, a prominent attorney of Phoenix, Ariz., both Arizona and New Mexico will come into the union as states at the coming extra session of congress. Mr. O'Neill is in Albuquerque today on his way to Washington, where he will work with a committee, in an effort to have Arizona admitted without any quibbling.

Among the other members of the committee are Charles H. Akers, one of the publishers of the Phoenix Gazette, and Frank M. Avis, a Phoenix capitalist, both of whom have gone to Washington over the Southern Pacific.

"There is no doubt in my mind that that New Mexico and Arizona will be admitted at the extra session," said Mr. O'Neill at the Alvarado hotel this morning. "New Mexico will slide through without any serious opposition. The only danger of some things in the Arizona constitution but I believe he will be quite conservative in any objections he may have to offer."

Speaking of the Arizona constitution, Mr. O'Neill, who was a member of the convention which framed the act, from Maricopa county, said the Arizona constitution is just a little bit ahead of the procession and President Taft may disappear of some things in the Arizona constitution but I believe he will be quite conservative in any objections he may have to offer.

O'GORMAN WILL BE THOUSAND MEN AT NEW SENATOR OF NEW YORK

If Democrats Will Accept Him, Murphy Is Willing to Pull Sheehan Out of the Race.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—Supreme Court Justice James A. O'Gorman of New York will probably be the senator from New York, if the innumerable Democrats of the legislature will accept him. Justice O'Gorman was announced as the organization candidate this morning on the unexpected arrival from New York of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall. On the whole they were not sufficiently familiar with O'Gorman's record to accept intelligently the insurgents brought about a postponement of the final caucus vote until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

CAMORRA CHIEF IS STILL DEFIANT

Alfonso Laughs in Face of His Accusers and Ridicules Attempts to Prove His Crimes.

Viterbo, Italy, March 31.—Erosio Alfonso, commonly known as Erisone, accused of being the real head of the Neapolitan Camorra, perhaps the most powerful and certainly the most feared men in Italy was called for introduction today at the trial of the Camorriste.

The crimes laid at this man's door are numberless. Under a grueling examination today Erisone maintained an innocent assurance which has repeatedly saved him from arrest in the past.

He denied every accusation against him and ridiculed the tradition as to his power.

Lovers of the dramatic had their fill at today's hearing of the Camorriste, as Erisone held the spectators spellbound with the eloquence of his denials. The man is either innocent or a consummate actor. As he proceeded his slender figure seemed to grow until it dominated the courtroom, and his friends and enemies alike shrunk from the gaze that he fixed first upon one and then another while he poured forth the most scathing arraignment of the authorities that has ever been heard in an Italian court of justice.

I am a victim of yellow journalism," he cried. "I have been ruined by cardinals who have made me appear as an assassin." Erisone could not have done it better if he had rehearsed his part for years. He began mildly and calmly, the court being absolutely silent when he was commanded to come from the prisoners' steel cage and take his place before the bar.

As the questioning proceeded, Erisone showed signs of irritation and was finally trembling with excitement. As the threats of the president and crown prosecutor went home, Erisone's face took on the aspect of a savage animal.

Suddenly he abandoned all attempts at composure and gave free rein to his feelings in a profanity which was truly eloquent.

WATCHMAN'S BODY FOUND IN RUINS

One Life Is Lost in Fire Which Wrecked Beautiful Capitol of New York State.

Albany, March 31.—The body of Samuel J. Abbott, watchman, the one victim of the capital fire, was found today on the fourth floor of the building where the flames had raged here.

REICHSTAG WANTS GUNS AND SHIPS

Berlin, Germany, March 31.—The reichstag by a large majority today rejected a Socialist motion calling on the government to "take immediate steps leading to an international agreement concerning the universal limitation of armaments and the abolition of the right of capture at sea."

SAN RAFAEL LOSE LIVES IN BATTLE

Nogales Officers Report That Most Bloody Battle of Insurrection Is Still Being Waged.

CONFLICT COSTS LIVES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Reports of Fighting Received From Many Points in Mexico Indicating That Peace Is Distant.

Tucson, Ariz., March 31.—A federal officer at Nogales reports that a thousand men have been killed in a battle between federals and rebels in the vicinity of San Rafael and Ures, and that the battle has been raging since Monday, according to a special from that point.

It is said that many women and children are among the victims.

INSURRECTOS ROUTE FORCE OF FEDERALS IN ALTAR

Tucson, Ariz., March 31.—A force of a hundred and fifty federals recently sent out from Caborca, Sonora, was routed by a band of rebels near Cervantes ranch in the Altar district, according to reports received here today.

The rebel band is believed to be the same one which some time ago committed several depredations on the Arizona side of the line. The rebels are expected to move on Caborca, which is now being fortified.

BLOODY BATTLE IS RAGING AT LITTLE SANTA BARBARA

El Paso, Texas, March 31.—A stubbornly fought and bloody battle between 300 insurgents and 200 federal troops has raged around the little town of Santa Barbara, southeast of Chihuahua, since Wednesday morning.

Both sides have sent for reinforcements. The percentage of killed and wounded is said to be high, both sides exhibiting great coolness and bravery.

ARRIVAL OF WOUNDED TELLS OF CARNAGE

El Paso, Tex., March 31.—The Herald correspondent at Hermosillo under yesterday's date says that a fight is now raging at San Rafael, the most important battle of the revolution up to this date. It is a stand-up fight. Last night the government issued a bulletin claiming that in the battle 78 revolutionists were killed and that the government had lost sixteen killed and 22 wounded, but this morning of these twenty-two wounded fifty-six badly wounded soldiers arrived here from the front. After three days fighting the government has issued no bulletins claiming a victory. It is rumored that Gen. Taquitos fighting with the government have gone over in a body to the rebels.

COX FIGHTS HARD TO ESCAPE

Attorneys Make New Move to Prevent Trial in County Where Indictment Was Returned.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 31.—George H. Cox, Republican leader, will probably not be tried in this county on the charge of perjury. Prosecution Attorney Hunt and Arthur Egan, a former state senator, today filed an affidavit of prejudice against all common pleas judges in Hamilton county except Judge Gorman and applied for a change of venue.

Judge Gorman thereupon assigned the case to Judge Davis of Baravia, Clermont county.

BASEBALL SEASON STARTS TODAY

Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.—The professional baseball season in this city will be opened this afternoon when the two major league clubs meet in the first game of a series of nine for the local championship.