

KIDNAPERS HAD AGREED TO TERMS

Had Promised to Surrender Willie Whittle, Became Alarmed And Flew Track.

OFFICERS GOT ON THE TRAIL.

Were Wary and Did Not Keep Appointment—Parents Almost on The Verge of Collapse.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—The full story of the frustrated attempt to pay over \$10,000 in ransom for the return of Willie Whittle became known today. J. P. Whittle, the father, was instructed in a letter from the kidnapers to leave the money in Flatiron park Saturday night. If no detectives were about the kidnapers promised they would secure the money and deliver the boy safely to the father in a hotel at Ashland at 3 o'clock this morning. Whittle deposited the money as requested, but the Ashland police learned of the plan to pay the ransom and went to the park. The kidnapers, who were to have seen them, fled at 8 o'clock the money was intact and not a man had approached the spot at which it had been left.

Whittle had a group of detectives and 21 members of the Pennsylvania constabulary in readiness in this city to start a search for the kidnapers as soon as he had safely recovered the boy. Whittle believes that the failure to effect a settlement last night will frighten the kidnapers, and they will not communicate with him again.

The letter from the captors of Willie came to the boy's parents in Sharon, Pa., Friday afternoon. Instructions were given him to go alone to Ashland on Saturday night, place the \$10,000 under a rock at the base of a gorge in the park at 10 o'clock. At 3 o'clock the following morning, if the money was obtained by the kidnapers, they promised that the stolen boy would be sent to the Smith hotel in Ashland, unharmed. Whittle was instructed specifically that he was to be accompanied by no one when he went to deposit the money.

Immediately upon receipt of the letter Whittle called in private detectives in his employ. They wanted to place a decoy package of bills at the designated spot, but Whittle would not agree to this. He finally consented to permit the detectives to accompany him to this city and await his summons to start a search for the kidnapers.

At 8 o'clock Whittle left Cleveland for Ashland. He was accompanied by Detective McCabe. The latter was to act as his bodyguard, but was not to go with Whittle to the park.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock the kidnapers, in keeping with their promise in their first letter, sent a second letter addressed to C. A. White at the Smith hotel in Ashland.

Half an hour later, when no one called for the money, the clerk became curious and opened the envelope, and Mayor Cook and Chief of Police Laskey were apprised of its contents. The mayor ordered all his police to institute a search for the captors.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Whittle left the package of bills in the park. He went to the designated spot alone, feeling certain that his compliance with the request of the kidnapers would prove the means of delivering his boy back to him.

Three policemen, who had been sent out from the Ashland central station, saw Whittle leave the money in the park. They told Chief Laskey of their discovery and received instructions to remain on guard at the park and capture the kidnapers, should they appear. In the meantime Whittle returned to the city and had established communication with his detectives in Cleveland. They advised him to go to the hotel for his boy exactly at the time set. He promised to observe orders.

Five hours later Whittle started after his boy. On the way a policeman informed him that three officers had been on guard at the park and no one had called for the money.

Whittle was overcome at this news. He went to the park and found his package of money undisturbed. During the remainder of the night and all day today the officers vainly searched the country around Ashland.

Whittle came to Cleveland and later returned to Sharon.

PARENTS GREATLY AFFECTED. Sharon, Pa., March 21.—J. P. Whittle, father of Willie Whittle, the kidnaped

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boy, returned today from a fruitless trip to Cleveland.

"We know no more now," said Mr. Whittle, "than we did before."

It is the general belief here that the abductors, realizing that what an extent the public is aroused over the kidnapping, will not dare to again open up correspondence with Mr. Whittle unless public interest has been abated.

The terrible anxiety and uncertainty as to their little son's fate has had its effect on both the parents of the boy. The father refuses to sleep at all, and keeps up through sheer will power. The mother, who will not allow her daughter Sallie out of her sight, is showing the effects of the worry, and today physicians gave orders that she be not allowed to see any visitors.

Hundreds of letters from all over the country continue to pour in from friends and strangers alike, tendering sympathy. The squad of 23 of the state constabulary, which arrived here last night, is undergoing enforced idleness, owing to the state law prohibiting an armed body of men from one state entering another.

Tony Muscarello, 13 years old, said tonight it was he who carried the note from the kidnapers to the hotel. He said himself and another boy were met on the street by a man, who told them to take the note.

The boys describe the man as being of dark complexion, about 30 years old and weighing 140 pounds.

PADEREWSKI HAS RHEUMATISM. New York, March 21.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous piano virtuoso, arrived here late today from Minneapolis after canceling three engagements in the west, to place himself in the hands of a specialist on rheumatism. Mr. Paderewski was suddenly stricken with rheumatism Friday in Minneapolis.

The abandonment of his western concert tour has cost Paderewski \$10,000. He is confident, however, that his ailment is only temporary.

BIG BALLOON ASCENSION.

Prof. Todd of Amherst Will Try to Make a Record Altitude.

Springfield, Mass., March 22.—In an endeavor to attain an altitude greater than ever reached before by man, Prof. David Todd, of Amherst college, and Leo Stevens, the well-known aeronaut, will make a balloon ascension here in the near future. The ascension is to be made for the purpose of special experiments and to obtain data concerning the upper strata of air. Details of the proposed flight have not been made public, but it is known that a monster balloon

will be used, equipped with a steel frame of cage. Because of the danger of the bag bursting in such a rarefied atmosphere that the aeronauts hope to reach, the balloon will be only one half or two-thirds inflated. The special equipment will be taken to protect the scientists in the event of a cold, fast, and severe north wind. Todd is director of the Amherst observatory and an authority on astronomical science.

FRANCE PROPOSES TO REVISE HER TARIFF

Washington, March 21.—The attention of American manufacturers will not for the next few months be entirely focused upon the proposed tariff revision of this country. France proposes to revise its tariff, and the changes to be made the United States is vitally interested.

If the proposed French tariff bill should be enacted into law in its present shape, American trade would be injuriously affected. Contrary to the usual custom, the measure had its origin in the tariff committee of the French chamber of deputies, and the attitude of the government toward it, therefore, had not been definitely decided in parliament. The probabilities are, however, that the bill will undergo a number of changes before it finally is enacted into law, which, it is expected, will be about the first part of next year.

STATEMENT OF GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAM

Berlin, March 21.—In view of the assertions made in the British house of commons that Germany in the spring of 1912 would have 17 warships all of the largest type, the navy department authorized the statement that in the autumn of 1912 Germany will have 13 such vessels. These will be the battleships Nassau and Westfalen, which will be ready for sea in the autumn of 1909; the battleships Rheinland and Posen and the cruiser Von der Tann, which will be ready for sea in the spring of 1910; three battleships to replace the Gudenberg, Scier, and Bismarck, and a cruiser to replace the armored cruiser G, which will be ready in the summer or autumn of 1911, and three battleships to replace the Prithof, Hildebrandt and Helgoland, and a cruiser to replace the cruiser H, which will be ready for sea in the autumn of 1912.

STUDENT HAZED TO DEATH.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Charles Stinton is dead as a result of hazing by fellow students at the White school, who, it is said, strung him up by the ankles to a sapling and left him hanging so long that he died a few hours after he was taken down. It is expected arrests will follow.

PRINCE HILKOFF DEAD.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Prince Michael Hilkoft, member of the council of the empire and formerly minister of communications, died suddenly today.

Prince Hilkoft was well known in the United States, where he secured his railway training. To him belongs the credit of getting the maximum amount of work out of the Siberian railway during the war in Manchuria.

WORKING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BURGLARS

Chicago, March 21.—Proof of a working agreement between gangs of burglars has been discovered by the police. After raiding one house and making five arrests, officers went to another district and captured another group. Properly stolen by the first gang was found in the possession of the second. Later developments showed that an agreement existed between the crooks whereby the territory of each other was respected.

A BIG PENSION SWINDLER.

Peoria, Ill., March 22.—George W. Taylor, of Upper Merion, a veteran of the civil war, convicted a week ago of heating the government out of \$17,000 in a pension fraud, sentenced to six months confinement and fined \$500. He is dead at the Peoria workhouse.

ROLLER SKATING CRAZE.

Said to Have Developed Into Effective Antidote for Intemperance.

Wausau, Wis., March 22.—According to Chief of Police Thomas Malone, the roller skating craze which overtook the city last fall has developed into an effective antidote for intemperance. It is asserted that the craze is decidedly stronger for young men than women, hence a large majority of the youth who used to frequent bar rooms before the sport came in to vogue, can now be found at the rink.

CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AM. REPUBLICS

City of Mexico, March 21.—It is now believed a certainty that a conference of the five presidents of Central American republics will be held shortly. Word has reached here that President Cabrera of Guatemala, Dr. J. A. Zavala of Honduras, and Zelaya of Nicaragua have agreed to the proposed meeting. It is thought that President Figueroa of Salvador and the president of Costa Rica will also consent to the invitation, which was sent out by Senor Echeverria, president of the Central American branch of the bureau of American republics, and the purpose of the gathering will be devising ways and means to live up to the letter and spirit of the Washington peace pact and thus remove all cause for intervention in Central American affairs on the part of either the United States or Mexico.

The news of the acceptance of Estrada Cabrera of Guatemala and his enemy, Jose Santos Zelaya, of Nicaragua comes as an agreeable surprise to the well wished of Central America. It is considered likely that a request will be sent to the American state department as soon as Costa Rica and Salvador are heard from, asking that the conference be permitted to meet on board one of the cruisers of the Pacific squadron.

The harbor of Anapala has been selected as the meeting place.

ARRESTS IN AFGHANISTAN.

Peshawar, British India, March 21.—It is reported that 1,200 arrests have been made at Jelalabad, Afghanistan, in connection with the plot recently discovered to murder the amir, the heir apparent, and the other members of the royal family.

According to advices, batches of prisoners are being blown from guns daily.

OFFICIALS SEARCHING FOR "MONTANA KID."

Denver, Colo., March 22.—With Frank Potts and William St. Clair in jail charged with holding up a Denver & Rio Grande train at Military Junction the morning of Feb. 13, the federal officers employed on the case are searching for a man known as "Montana Kid," who is wanted on the charge of being the third man implicated in the robbery. "Montana Kid" was last seen in company with Potts at Fort Collins about three weeks ago, since which time no trace of him can be found.

ROOSEVELTS HOLD FAMILY REUNION

Ex-President Was Soul of Good Humor, Making Final Preparations for His Departure.

MAKES NO MORE STATEMENTS

Anything Appearing to Come from Him Will Be False on Its Face.

Oyster Bay, March 21.—Happy in the prospect of his departure Tuesday morning for his long-planned African hunting trip, ex-President Roosevelt was the soul of good humor today at his home in Sagamore Hill, where the members of his family gathered for the final reunion before the long journey to the jungles. The ex-president took an interest in final preparations for shipping his baggage tomorrow by the Hamburg-American steamship Hamburg, W. Emlen Roosevelt and his family, consisting of the ex-president, and ex-Secy. of the Interior Garfield called today.

Mr. Roosevelt was up early today and walked to church, three miles away, accompanied by his wife, Quentin, Archie and Ethel. The pastor of the church incorporated a special prayer for Mr. Roosevelt in the regular prayer.

"I am going to New York in the morning," said Mr. Roosevelt, "and will go to the steamer to inspect my quarters and see that my personal baggage is safely cared for. I shall take with me my wearing apparel, rifle, ammunition, one tent from here, books and some scientific instruments."

Mr. Roosevelt was shown a dispatch stating that a gentleman from the west would join the expedition here as an additional member.

"I don't know anything about it," said Mr. Roosevelt. "If anyone else is going I don't know. If they try, I think there will be some way to stop them. There is a story that a man went to Texas with a 25-caliber revolver and a cowboy said to the newcomer: 'Stranger, if you shoot me with that thing and I find it out I'll kick you out of Texas.'"

"Well, if I find any one trying to follow me I may think of the cowboy story."

To the correspondent who called on him today, Mr. Roosevelt said: "I want to say now that I do not intend to make another statement and will not make any statement regarding my African trip or on any other subject here, at Naples or Mombasa, so that anything appearing from me will be false on its face."

Mr. Roosevelt seemed surprised when informed that several delegations from civic and political organizations from New York, and parts of the country would be at the dock and that several thousand people undoubtedly would be on hand to give him a parting cheer as the steamer goes out.

"Gracious me," said Mr. Roosevelt, "are all those people coming? The French ambassador, Mr. Jusserand, wrote me that he would see me at the dock. If a big crowd is coming I will write the company and see that he has no trouble in getting through the crowd."

"I will leave here early Tuesday and may go by the tube to Hoboken from New York, which, of course, depends upon the weather. There will be no speeches or statements from me at the steamer."

Mr. Roosevelt said he was a private citizen and as such he was entitled to a private citizen's rights and would decline to make any statements on American political affairs.

The members of the Roosevelt family at the reunion today, besides Mr. Roosevelt and his wife, were Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Ethel Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Archie, Kermit and Quentin Roosevelt.

ENLARGING THE SUITE. New York, March 21.—Immediately upon the arrival of the steamer Hamburg at her pier today, a score of carpenters and decorators were set to work remodeling the suite of state-rooms which Mr. Roosevelt is to occupy. The original imperial suite consisted of only three rooms.

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Washington, March 21.—The red man is gradually being exterminated through the ravages of tuberculosis. To save the Indian race from extinction by this disease and yet lead it into the ways of the white man, is the task which officials of the bureau of Indian affairs have undertaken.

When the white man undertook to civilize the Indian tuberculosis was almost unknown among the race. Today the Indians are dying off at the rate of approximately 1,000 per annum, of all the tribes, none seem to be so susceptible as the Sioux Indians in North Dakota. Last year nearly 1,000 members of this tribe were afflicted. They live in unsanitary surroundings.

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