

POLICE RESCUE SLAVE

Spokane Girl Released From Bondage in Portland's Chinatown.

THREE YEARS A CAPTIVE

Detective Kay Succeeds, After Many Months, in Locating Unfortunate Woman—Yellow Master Escapes, but Warrant Is Out.

Held a captive in Chinatown dens for three years, the white slave of a yellow monster, who guarded her night and day with jealous vigilance, Alma Church, an attractive looking young woman, who says her parents are prominent Spokane people, was rescued from bondage worse than death by Acting Detectives Kay and Klennen yesterday afternoon.

For at least a year Kay has been endeavoring to find and rescue the young woman whose presence in a Chinese den at Second and Taylor streets was discovered last Summer by a man who happened to pass a barred window, through which the girl called out to him.

The man hurried down town and met Kay, to whom he told his story. Kay hastened to the scene, but the girl's captor had taken her to another hiding place, and from that day until yesterday Kay was never able to discover the girl's prison.

Kay was standing in front of police headquarters yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock when he saw a young woman, accompanied by a Chinaman, ascend the stairs to rooms over 89 Second street. He saw at a glance that something was wrong, and called to his working partner, Klennen, who hurried after the couple.

PUBLISHER S. S. McCURE, IN PORTLAND, DISCUSSES QUESTIONS OF THE TIME

A dynamic force in the American publishing business sat on the veranda of the Portland Hotel yesterday afternoon and puffed a questionable looking cigar. He minded his business in a way that was not at all fussed up over the atmospheric conditions. They like it hot down in New York, so he in the shade did not bother S. S. McCure.

Man Who Deals in Truth. Truth telling seems to be one of the chief characteristics of this plain-looking, quiet-spoken man, who began his life in America as a boy emigrant from Ireland and at 50 is one of the country's big men, rich in goods, and more opulent in accomplishment.

He gave an excellent imitation of one who is glad when he ceased admiring the Postoffice building, and agreed to be interviewed. Mr. McCure admitted the Postoffice building was a masterpiece, but he said about our town, but he seemed so fond of the malhouse that I think he may do something for it a little later.

How Civil War Left Nation. "When the Civil War was over, with a government that was still practically new in form, personnel and policy, we were consequently not so well qualified to handle the problems we are now solving as the older nations. The country was left in a state of confusion and crying for the development of its material resources. The interests which stand for the combination of capital, the violent and dangerous organizations of labor, although most organizations of capital and labor are beneficent, and the sale of vicious disinformation, represented by the criminal saloonkeeper, and the disorderly house keeper, have been controlled and still are generally by bodies that are almost extrajudicial.

New Forces of 100 Years. "The problems of the time are to bring the great new forces that have been developed these past 100 years under the reign of law. This is the age-long struggle of civilization that has been going on since the incident of Cleo and Cataline, made 100 times more intense because of the wonderful development of the human mind in the field of invention. Before men knew how to write there was, naturally, no law against forgery. Almost every man who has a pen and an idea for the expedition of business requires new laws. The discovery of the railroad brought upon us the necessity of framing an infinite amount of special law to govern conditions arising because we have railroads."

"After he had said that, I called for time and commenced to get industrious with notes, for it was evident that something interesting and perhaps edifying was afoot. Mr. McCure shifted his position again in an effort to keep cool, physically cool I mean, and continued to govern conditions developed in the field of invention. Before men knew how to write there was, naturally, no law against forgery. Almost every man who has a pen and an idea for the expedition of business requires new laws. The discovery of the railroad brought upon us the necessity of framing an infinite amount of special law to govern conditions arising because we have railroads."

"During the last few years we have been busy making laws to apply to railroads and other institutions like the great trusts, and Congress has debated little else of importance. It is a sign that we have grown old enough as a nation to take up this matter as the European nations have been doing the last half century. We have caught up to some extent with the business we have had to do. It must be remem-

bered story of her captivity, as she was weak and nervous that she could hardly speak. She was asked to make a detailed statement of her three years of slavery, but could not do so last night. Miss Church was given in charge of Police Matron Simmons and was made comfortable in the women's ward. The police hope that she will be able this morning to give details of her captivity that will perhaps lead to the arrest of several Chinese brothel-keepers. It is known that while she was a slave in the district she was subjected to the grossest indignities and was seldom allowed even to see the light of day. When she was permitted to leave her prison she was always accompanied by guards, who kept her under surveillance, and she feared to attempt an escape. She had been told she would be killed if she called the police.

The police declare the case of Miss Church to be the most remarkable on record in Portland and they are determined to run to earth all the Chinamen who are implicated in it. They have as yet been unable to learn how she came to be made a captive, but expect that when she has sufficient strength she will be able to clear up the mystery.

GROCCERS SEEK VICTIMS Offer Inducements to Secure Wedding for Annual Picnic.

If any thrifty young couple would secure the first month's provisions for housekeeping free of charge, all the prospective bridegroom has to do is to apply to Secretary C. E. Merrick of the Retail Grocers' Association. Mr. Merrick is looking for a couple to be married at the annual grocers' picnic at Bonnevillville July 11. Fare to and from Bonnevillville and all expenses of the wedding will be paid by the grocers.

The association is also desirous of having all grocery stores closed on Sundays. It is said that the Sunday law violators may attempt to bring up the matter at the next session of the association. The association has asked District Attorney Manning to enforce the law against grocers as well as against saloons.

Will Admitted to Probate. The will of the late Joseph Taylor was filed for probate in the County Court yesterday. It disposes of an estate of \$13,000, mostly cash, and leaves the bulk to Mrs. John Jeffcott and John W. Taylor, two of the seven children of the deceased. The will was made last March and followed a will made last Fall, the latter being declared void. John Jeffcott has been appointed administrator.

Quick Time Across Continent. What is believed to be the record for quick shipment of freight across the continent since the completion of last Winter on the trans-continental lines was accomplished this week when a load of pianos was shipped across the country in less than 10 days. This is a remarkably quick time. The car was delivered to a local firm Tuesday night by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

GREEK THEODOY CASES DISCORD

Russian Congregation Is Haled Before Judge Cameron in Police Court.

DISTURBANCE AT SERVICE

Discussion of Faith Between Gulps of Beer Ends in Riot—Neighbors Complain and the Congregation Is Arrested.

The trouble with the local Russian branch of the ancient and venerable Greek Church was that the congregation put too many Tenth Century practices into a recent religious celebration. Things have grown so bad since the Tenth Century social and religious customs were in vogue.

Religious celebrations these days are designed chiefly to effect the salvation of bereft souls, or to return thanks to a magnanimous creator for some great boon, real or fancied, that has been bestowed upon the worshippers. This particular celebration, however, miscarried in any such exalted purpose.

There are in Portland 30 Russian Romanians, petty dealers and workers, who stand by the old Greek Church and meet in a room in North Portland for this purpose. With the advent of this week they decided to celebrate the anniversary of the introduction of the church in Russia, back in the time of Vladimir, son of Sviatoslav. It will be recalled that Vladimir, after abolishing the worship of his brother Yaropok, became troubled of his conscience and sent out ambassadors to pick out a religion for him that would serve to rid him of his doubts.

Two young gentlemen, Messrs. Frank Goodman and John Chapman, were driven out of town yesterday by a mob of young men who were buying up all the summer clothes they could find. It would have been very well had the vain young men deprived themselves of cigarettes, cigars and what mundane luxuries. But in their economic experiment they were obliged to surrender their lodgings and take to the streets. They were driven out of town yesterday by a mob of young men who were buying up all the summer clothes they could find.

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Along about midnight a difference of opinion along theological lines must have arisen. Residents of the vicinity say that the Russians gave an unparalleled display of vocal capacity. It must have been one of the old Tenth Century rites of wine drinking. There are no such disturbances in modern times outside baseball grounds. Immediate neighbors thought at first that the Russians were turning up the noise, but they were mistaken. The sound waves were traced to their source, which was a group of young men who were drinking beer and singing to the police. A wren load of copper was sent out and they had to draw their revolvers in order to quiet the Russian rites of wine drinking.

They protested in court yesterday that they were making no more noise than is usual at a well-defined revival meeting and deprecatingly begged to be let alone. As to the cuts and bruises—well they were all Russian cuts and bruises, induced by Russian fists and feet upon Russian noses and heads. They should an American law care for such things.

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DETECTIVES MAKE STUBBORN FIGHT

Demand Trial Before Entire Membership of City Executive Board.

GAIN STILL MORE TIME

Lawyer Raises Point That Police Committee as Such Has No Jurisdiction to Try Deposed Sleuths.

Portland's deposed city detectives are adopting procrastinating tactics in resisting their dismissal from the service of the municipality. Frank J. Snow, L. G. Carpenter and Joseph E. Reeling, three of the four dismissed sleuths, and their attorney, R. E. Moody, appeared before the police committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon. They interposed an objection to the proposed proceedings, which, it was claimed, is in conflict with the city charter, which requires that such trials be held before the Executive Board as a whole and not before one of its sub-committees.

Members of the committee, while not recognizing the legality of Attorney Moody's contention, yielded the point rather than contest the question on purely technical grounds. The effect of yesterday's hearing was to quash the proceedings before the police committee, but Mayor Lane will today present the written charges with the City Auditor's formal presentation to the Executive Board, which meets tomorrow. It is probable the charges will then be referred to the police committee, which has exceeded its jurisdiction of this proceeding the members of the board will be willing to carry out the duty of the Supreme Court if necessary to establish its rights as a body of the city.

In the meantime the three detectives remain suspended. Joe Day, the other member of the deposed quartet, is absent on business for the state in London. His case will receive consideration on his return.

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a few weeks ago. At the same time that for their hearing was fixed for yesterday before the police committee of the Executive Board. The members of the police committee feel they have acted entirely within their rights and consider that the disposition of the deposed detectives and their counsel is to annoy the administration. But the sentiment of the committee as expressed by Commissioner Sabin and Greene yesterday, Commissioner Donagh not being present, is that the Executive Board will fight the case to a finish if it involves carrying the suit to the Supreme Court.

SUCCESSOR TO DR. HOUSE

Rev. L. R. Dyott, D. D., to Be Called by First Congregational Church.

The pulp committee of the First Congregational Church, which has for several months been trying to find a pastor to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Rev. Elwin L. House, has recommended to the members of the church that Rev. L. R. Dyott, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., be called to the leadership of the Portland flock. The recommendation will be taken up at the service next Sunday morning, and it is probable that the congregation will act upon the suggestion of the committee. Whether or not Dr. Dyott will accept

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FRANTIC EFFORT WHICH FAILED

CERTAIN LOCAL FIRM OFFERS PROSPECTIVE BUYER RATHER PECULIAR INDUCEMENTS TO EFFECT SALE OF AN INFERIOR PLAYER-PIANO.

Customer Was Critical, and Refused to Be Satisfied With Any Make but the Genuine Pianola—Ellers Piano House Proves the Fictitious Value of Some Other So-Called 'Famous' Makes, and Facts Show Unreasonable Profits Are Exact in Many Cases by Other Dealers.

"Straws show which way the wind blows." An incident which occurred in a local piano store a few days ago shows in a striking manner the comparative value of certain player pianos, from the point of public estimation, but also the actual intrinsic worth from the dealer's side.

A certain local music lover, who desired to purchase the best player piano to be found, made the rounds of the stores, thoroughly investigating the merits of each instrument put forward by the dealer. In one store he desired to trade a second-hand piano and the dealer, as part payment on the new player piano which should be selected.

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