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A LITTLE BOY STOLEN.

Followed by the Father Armed With a Loaded Gun.

ACCORDING TO PROGRAMME.

Senator Dolph Would Like a Seat on the Supreme Bench.

ANOTHER PIONEER SCOUT GONE.

National Editorial Association--The Outcome of Electioneering Tactics.

EATONVILLE, N. J., Feb. 18.—A 7-year-boy named Walcott, a son of a well-to-do family, living on the outskirts of town, was kidnapped yesterday by tramps. While skating on a pond some distance from home, accompanied by his sister. There were half a dozen others on the pond, and at the time the boy was stolen he was alone at one end near a piece of woods. The place is desolate, and the underbrush offers an excellent opportunity for hiding. The tramps rushed upon the ice and were seen to take the boy into the woods. The little fellow's sister ran after him, but could not get trace of his abductors. She gave the alarm to the other skaters, and many of them pushed into the woods on the trail of the tramps. When young Walcott's father heard of the loss of his boy, he seized a double-barreled shotgun, and at the point where the little fellow was last seen went into the woods. He told his neighbors that he should not come back till he had recovered the stolen child. The news spread with great rapidity and the farmers turned out in large numbers and joined in the search.

This Possibly May Explain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—It is reported that Senator Dolph's brother having withdrawn from the candidacy for the new circuit judgeship for the ninth district created by congress at its last session, Senator Dolph will himself be a candidate for the United States supreme bench, to succeed Justice Bradley, deceased. It is customary to fill a vacancy in the supreme bench from the circuit in which the deceased justice resided, though this is not absolutely essential. Senator Dolph might be appointed from the ninth district to this vacancy, although the circuit has a justice in Mr. Field.

An Old Pathfinder Dead.

SAN JOSE, Feb. 18.—John Marion Murphy, one of the oldest pioneers of California, died last evening after a long illness. He was a native of Canada, aged 69. Mr. Murphy was one of the earliest scouts who came across the plains to California. He served as a guide for Fremont on one of his expeditions, and his knowledge of the overland trails was unsurpassed. He was the first man to bring a four-wheeled wagon across the Sierras. He married Virginia Reed, the eldest daughter of James Frazer Reed, who was one of the finders of the ill-fated Donner party.

Silver Coinage Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The anti-free-coinage men have again come forward with a demand for a caucus to relegate the silver question to the rear until after the presidential election. The promoters of the call express full confidence in securing the requisite number of signatures to force a caucus. The London Times, commenting on the action of the majority of the coinage committee at Washington, says it regards the present success of the Bland bill as the outcome of electioneering tactics.

Report on Military Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The senate committee on military affairs has ordered an adverse report upon the bill providing for the location of military post in Alaska, and also for a survey of the Yukon river valley, also a favorable report upon the bill to increase the pay of non-commissioned officers and provide for an examination of non-commissioned officers for promotion to second lieutenants.

Mrs. Ella Higginson a Delegate.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Ella Higginson, editor of the Pacific Magazine, Seattle, has been appointed by the Pacific coast Women's Press association one of the delegates to the National Editorial association, which will be held in San Francisco in May next.

Was Not an Elopement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The element of parental opposition to the Manning-Fuller marriage and the consequent clandestine feature of the story of the wedding of the chief justice's daughter were missing from the tale as told to a United Press reporter by the chief justice and his wife this evening. He said that Mary and Mr. Manning had been lovers for two or three years with the full knowledge and consent of her father and mother. The marriage had been postponed in consequence of illness of the girl. The Chief Justice added: So far from their being any opposition on our part to the marriage, I should have been glad if she had married Manning two years ago. We said nothing about the wedding for the reason that in her highly nervous condition we wanted nothing from the newspapers to filter back into the sick room and excite her, but now that her recovery seems assured, we have had cards engraved announcing the marriage.

The Kanucks Foolery

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Jennings, in the commons, asked if the government had any information concerning the conference at Washington between Blaine, American secretary of state, and the Canadian commissioners to arrange a basis for a reciprocity agreement, whether they had arrived at an agreement, and if it was true that Pauncefote, British minister at Washington, had assured the commissioners that Lord Salisbury would favorably consider any reasonable request of the commissioners. Lowther, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, said, in reply, such meeting had occurred. Blaine had previously stipulated the meeting should be informal. Lowther added that he had no reason to suppose Sir Julian Pauncefote had given the commissioners the assurance Jennings had referred to. In conclusion, Lowther said he did not know whether or not an agreement had been arrived at.

A Bank President Disappears.

CARROLL, Ia., Feb. 18.—This city has experienced a genuine sensation by the sudden disappearance of O. A. Kentner president of the Citizens state bank. Yesterday he disposed of his interest in the bank, and this morning left with his wife for parts unknown. His finances are in a badly milked condition. He owes the First National bank \$5000; E. W. Libby, a stock raiser, \$3000; John McCarty and Frank Bailey of Audubon, \$10,000 for cattle sold and money advanced. He also sold a large herd of cattle, on which were several mortgages. Just how had the Citizens' bank is involved cannot be learned. Kentner has been a leading citizen of this place for fifteen years. Officers will be sent after him, and he will be prosecuted for disposing of the mortgaged property, if caught.

A Million Dollar Fire.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—The loss by fire last night is estimated at \$1,000,000—insurance \$750,000. The general opinion is the fire was caused by electric light wires.

Quarter of a Million More.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 18.—At midnight the five-story brick block corner of Superior and Seneca streets, occupied by E. M. McGillin, a dry goods company, caught fire and was soon gutted. The loss is \$250,000 and the insurance \$200,000. The blocks adjacent on both sides are slightly damaged. A panic occurred among the guests at the Forest City house, but the fears were soon allayed.

Want to Join the Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—J. L. Anderson, a newspaper correspondent, just home from a visit to Honolulu, says the people of the Islands generally favor annexation when the reign of the present queen is at an end. The popular impression is that Queen Liliuokalani will be the last sovereign of the islands, and that when she dies a political union will be effected with this country, or else the United States will be asked to extend a protectorate over the Hawaiian group.

Texas Reapportionment.

AUSTIN, Tex. Feb. 19.—Governor Hill issued a proclamation today, convening the legislature in regular session March 14. Among the other purposes is the reapportionment of the state.

Sunday Closing by States.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—An amendment to the world's fair bill, directing that the New York state exhibit shall be closed Sunday, was adopted in the assembly 49 and 47.

Terrific Gale off Portugal.

LISBON, Feb. 19.—A terrible gale is raging off the southwest of Portugal. Several vessels dragged their anchors and drifted about helplessly. An earthquake shock was also felt at Algarve today.

TO ELECT SENATORS.

Propositions Referred to Chandler, Turpie, and Mitchell.

SENATOR PALMER MAKES A SPEECH.

In Opposition to the Appropriation for the Lower Columbia.

NOT OF GENERAL PUBLIC BENEFIT.

No Military Post for Alaska--A Good Man Goes Wrong--Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In his remarks upon the bill providing for an amendment to the constitution permitting the election of United States senators by a popular vote, Senator Palmer said: "If this amendment is adopted, the senate of the United States will be chosen by the direct vote of the free people of the several states, and it will be what it never has yet been—the popular branch of the congress of the United States," and his arraignment of the upper house of congress as a non-popular body, was, in his language, not often heard by the venerable members of that dignified assembly. The senator insisted the constitutional mode of electing senators by the legislators of the states was no longer satisfactory to the American people. He did not mean to make himself responsible for the charges of bribery and undue influence that attend nearly every senatorial election by indorsing or repeating any of them. He referred to them in that slight manner only to emphasize the statement that the people no longer confided in, but were profoundly distrustful of the methods of electing senators by the state legislatures. None of the reasons which led the framers of the constitution to deprive the people of the direct control of the executive department and senate now existed. Experience had long ago demonstrated the usefulness of electors for the selection of a president and a vice-president. All that people could gain by the proposed amendment would be enlarged powers of self-defense. The senators would be the free and exact representatives of the people, and defend their homes and property from unequal and excessive burdens. They would dignify the states, for the people were the states. The elections for the choice of presidential electors, the election of members of the legislature who elect senators, the election of members of the house of representatives in congress, are alike influenced and often controlled by an unfair arrangement of districts.

ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE.

Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, said he listened with pleasure to the able remarks of the senator from Illinois. He (Mitchell) had had the honor of introducing a similar proposition in 1888 and one at the present session. Similar amendments were also introduced by the senators from Indiana and New Hampshire (Turpie and Chandler). All these propositions were referred to the committee on privileges and elections, and by that committee to a subcommittee composed of Senators Chandler, Turpie and himself, and he was qualified to be able to state, after a consultation with the majority, that the subcommittee had agreed to report in favor of such an amendment to the constitution. It was their hope and belief that at a very early day the full committee on privileges and elections would be able to report favorably an amendment similar to the one introduced by the senator from Illinois. The subcommittee held a session later in the day, and agreed to the report prepared by Mr. Mitchell, favoring the amendment. It will be submitted to the full committee early next week. The report is elaborate, covering ten pages in printed matter. It is not known definitely whether the majority of the full committee will be favorable to the report or otherwise. Senator Teller, chairman of the committee, is known to be strongly in favor of the amendment.

From Portland to the Sea.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Mitchell today introduced a memorial from several towns in Oregon, asking for the passage of a bill appropriating money for the improvement of the Willamette and lower Columbia rivers. Some doubt has been expressed as to whether the house committee on rivers and harbors will appropriate the \$250,000

asked for the deep water channel from Portland to the sea. There has been some rather persistent opposition manifested to this proposed improvement from various sections of Oregon, and members of the committee have received information indicating that it would not benefit very many people.

Stronger Knot in the Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The senate has passed a bill extending for ten years the operation of the Chinese exclusion law. The bill passed by the senate today extending for ten years the operations of the Chinese exclusion law is a substitute for a similar measure introduced by Senator Dolph. The bill has a wider scope than indicated by its title, for in addition to re-enacting the present exclusion laws, which are about to lapse, it contains a section intended to meet the difficulty treasury officials have encountered in returning the Chinese to China, through judicial decisions adverse to their right to return them further than to the country from which they entered the United States. Under this construction of the law the treasury department returned a number of Chinese to Canada instead of to China and they were soon caught, again smuggled across the line, which it was impossible to guard at all times and places. Another new section provides severe penalties for a return to the United States of Chinese once sent out of the country.

Handsome Girl Elopes.

WATERBURY, Feb. 19.—Miss Annie Corrigan, a well known young lady, eloped Tuesday with Gordon H. Clark, jr. Miss Corrigan's relatives received a telegram from her saying she and Clark had been married in New York city. Miss Corrigan is the heroine of a shooting affray which occurred last summer. Joseph Laundry, a young French-American, had become infatuated with Miss Corrigan, and greatly annoyed her with his attentions. One night Laundry followed Miss Corrigan and Mr. Clark, who were engaged at the time, and, reaching a dark street, drew a revolver and fired two shots at the girl, one of which hit her in the head, but inflicted only a scalp wound. Laundry then turned the revolver upon himself and fired four shots into his head, and died soon after. Miss Corrigan has been voted the handsomest girl in Waterbury at several fairs.

And the Peasantry Suffer.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Vienna to the Chronicle says that most of the corn bought for the starving peasantry of Russia is still stored in the granaries of that country, and that only a portion has been distributed to the suffering multitudes of the famine-stricken provinces. There have been numerous granaries before in the very regions where famine is now raging, but no official action has been taken to relieve the victims. The Russian government on this occasion has used the famine to disguise its policy of prohibiting the exportation of corn and cramming with food the granaries of northern Russia upon which the Russians could depend in the event of unsuccessful war. The dispatch says this is understood to be true, in Russian official circles.

Pacific Cable to Japan.

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Regarding the report that the British government would contribute towards the cost of a submarine cable from Vancouver to Japan, C. R. Hosemer, president of the Canadian Pacific Telegraph company, is very desirous of seeing a cable laid between the places mentioned, as the existing cable rates of \$2.21 and \$2.86 per word greatly restricts business and practically prohibits it. The cost of such a cable would be about \$5,000,000, and the route would probably be from Vancouver via the Aleutian islands.

An Advertisement.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Two Chicago idiots will in a few days undertake a daring feat. They will stow themselves away in Captain Paul Boynton's rubber suits and attempt to cross the lake, which is about sixty miles wide. They are Henry Smith and Charles Burton, both well-known hunters and fishermen.

Cears Revolt.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro states that the advices received there from Fort Aleza, capital of the state of Ceara, that disturbances have broken out in the state, and the people of the capital had driven the governor from the city. No reason for the outrage is assigned.

Possibly Served Him Right.

DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—Senator Finn knocked down and severely chastised Doorkeeper H. M. Belvel in the senate chamber immediately after adjournment today. Belvel, in connection with his duties at the capitol, is also a newspaper correspondent, and in a recent letter referred to Finn as a libertine and a blackguard. The affair grew out of the story that Finn visited a Whitechapel dive Saturday night.

THE OCALA PLATFORM.

Convention of Third Party Delegates in St. Louis.

A MOVEMENT FOR A CLOSER UNION.

Chinese Exclusion Act Extension Bill Passes the Senate.

LESS DIFFICULTY IN RETURNING.

Elopement--Canadian Reciprocity--Cable to Japan--Etc., Etc.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—President Ben Terrell, of the Confederation of Industrial organizations, will on Monday morning, in the exposition building, call to order the largest and most important convention of workmen ever held in this country. There will be present delegates from nearly all if not every state in the Union, representing the National Farmers' alliance and Industrial union, Knights of Labor, Colored Farmers' alliance, Patrons of Industry, National Citizens' alliance, and other organizations of similar character. The convention will decide the question as to whether or not there will be in the coming presidential campaign a third-party ticket with strength enough behind it to affect sensibly the fight between the two great parties. This convention is the outgrowth of action taken at the Ocala meeting of the National Farmers' alliance, in December, 1890. It was then decided to move for a closer union between the great industrial organizations of the country, and as a result a meeting was held in Washington in January, 1891, at which were represented the National Farmers' alliance, the Colored Farmers' alliance, the Citizens' and the Knights of Labor, and the Confederation of Industrial organizations was formed. This body called Monday's convention for the purpose of deciding on the ways and means of forcing the passage of laws putting into effect the principles of the Ocala platform.

Joy in Chicago.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The world's fair special train, comprising five of the most magnificently equipped and luxuriously furnished coaches ever put on the road by the Pullman Palace Car Company, left the Baltimore and Ohio station at 2:30 this afternoon for Chicago. Passengers aboard the train will be guests of the world's fair city for the next four days, and are senators and representatives in congress, foreign ministers to the United States, and leading journalists of the national capital.

Philadelphia to the Rescue.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Thirty-five freight-cars loaded with flour, drawn by three locomotives, left Jersey City last night on the Pennsylvania road for Philadelphia. The flour was bought by the city of Philadelphia for the relief of the starving people of Russia. On each car was placed a notice reading: "This car contains flour for starving Russians, to be sent by the city of Philadelphia on the steamship Egypt, under the American flag."

Bombs in St. Louis.

MESSINA, Feb. 19.—A loaded bomb was discovered last night outside the Spanish consulate in this city. A fuse attached to it was burning, but was quickly extinguished, with remarkable presence of mind and courage, by the finders. The police immediately began a search for the dynamites, who must have been close at hand, but no arrests are yet made. The men are supposed to be members of an anarchist society acting in sympathy with anarchists in Spain.

Letter From the Pope.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Catholic newspapers published an encyclical letter from the pope addressed to the clergy. The Pope declares any form of government good, provided it tends to further public welfare, and is therefore the duty of all to accept the legally-established government and not attempt to change its form. The Pope concludes by expressing himself in favor of the maintenance of cordiality and urges the union of all Frenchmen in developing the greatness of France.

Street Traffic is Suspended.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—Railway and street traffic is almost entirely suspended because of the heavy snow storm, and several fatalities are reported.

A Merchant Marine Board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Two bills of much interest to mariners were passed by the senate today, one of which aims to carry out the recommendations made by the international maritime congress. The more important of the measures provides for the establishment of a merchant marine board to be under the direction of the treasury department to recommend to the secretary of the treasury, any changes in existing laws or the enactment of new ones necessary for the protection of the interests of the government, and the benefit of the merchant marine of the United States, for the relief of the merchant marine from any harsh or injurious laws operating to its detriment. The other bill provides for the plainer wording of vessels, the smallest letters used to be not less than four inches in size.

Worse than Expected.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—The Times says there may be another revolution in the Union Pacific at the next regular annual meeting. It is generally understood that the affairs of the road are in much worse condition than Gould supposed they were, when he led the special attack on the administration of Charles Frances Adams. Gould's investment is principally in bonds, and there are many stockholders who think this connection with the road is a detriment instead of a benefit. These stockholders are endeavoring to work up a movement which will result in a change. A committee, representing the foreign interest in the road, is now endeavoring to effect an arrangement by which the Union Pacific consolidated trust notes will be taken and the company relieved of Mr. Gould's influence.

Wolf Hunt in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 21.—At 9 o'clock yesterday morning an enormous wolf hunt started over Crawford and Bourbon counties in Kansas. As a result over 300 wolves lie dead tonight. Both counties and others adjoining were scoured by over 5000 men, women and children armed in all conceivable ways. Two thousand jack rabbits were also captured in the general round-up. Owing to an error in signalling there was one break in the line, which reduced the number of captures, but another hunt will take place next Saturday to finally wind up the wolves and foxes of southeastern Kansas. There was but one accident. Thomas Perkins being bitten by a couple of wolves. He will not recover as he was fearfully torn.

Increasing in Severity.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The snow storms which have prevailed recently throughout the United Kingdom have increased in severity. In several places in the southwestern part of England the snow is several feet deep. Many accidents are reported from various English towns with storms on land and sea, throughout the week. In Yorkshire the weather was the coldest in thirty years. A blizzard is raging today equal to that of last year. Snowstorms of unusual violence are raging in Ireland, and railway trains are being delayed. Near Limerick there are drifts four feet high. At Queens-town a heavy gale prevails.

"Is That So?"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The bill to provide a permanent system of highways in the District of Columbia, outside of Washington, was taken up, and the provision authorizing the issue of 3 per cent. bonds gave rise to a debate in which the financial policy of the government was discussed at great length. Berry, of Arkansas, in the course of his remarks declared: "We have arrived at that condition that the United States cannot pay the ordinary expenses of the government and meet the interest on the debt without borrowing money." No action was taken on the bill, and the senate adjourned until Tuesday.

Secretary Foster Objects.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Secretary Foster has put himself on record against the proposed transfer of the revenue marine service from the treasury department to the navy department in a letter laid before the senate today. The letter is in reply to a resolution to the senate asking the secretary of the treasury to communicate to the senate any information in his department in reference to the expediency of the transfer, and to express his opinion whether the public service would be promoted by such changes.

Smallpox in Bombay.

BOMBAY, Feb. 18.—Smallpox has prevailed here for some time, and has become epidemic. During the past week there were twenty-three deaths from the disease.

Louisiana Compromise.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20.—The compromise proposition submitted to the two democratic state committees has been ratified by both parties, and the McEnreyites are jubilant.