

STORY IS TOLD

Ethel Metcalf Blames Mrs. Carrie Settle

GRAY PROMISED TO MARRY HER

Letter Found In Gray's Pocket States He May Need \$500 to "Hush Up" A Case—Friend Asked Remit Promptly.

(Morning Oregonian.)

ASTORIA, Or., July 23.—Ethel Metcalf and her companion, George Gray, the couple who eloped from Oakland, Or., on July 26 and for whose apprehension a reward of \$150 was offered by Douglas county, were arrested here by Policeman Bryant about 12 o'clock last night.

The pair had been living at a lodging house near the Hammond mill for nearly a month and were known there as Mr. and Mrs. St. Claire.

The proprietor of the lodging house became suspicious of their identity and informed the police. On being questioned by City Attorney Norblad, Immigration Inspector Riley and Police Captain Houghton this morning, Miss Metcalf, who is a comely girl, said to be slightly over 18 years of age, admitted her identity and related the story of how she had been misled.

Promise of Finery Fatal.

She said her mother and stepfather reside on a farm near Oakland and she was attending high school in the town when she was induced by a man named Frank Gray to go to a rooming house kept by a Mrs. Settle, where she worked for her board. While at the house she met George Gray, who pretended to be a painter, who turned her head with a tale that he would provide her with a good home and would marry her. Gray gave her a letter to a woman named Anna Lee at the Antlers Hotel in Los Angeles, telling her that women would take care of her until he arrived.

Accordingly the two started for Roseburg, where Gray was to purchase the girl a ticket for Los Angeles and he was to follow after settling up some "business" affairs.

The train on which they were riding was wrecked before reaching Roseburg and the couple took another train for Portland where they remained a few days and then came to Astoria.

In Portland and here, Gray refused to marry the girl, saying there had been too much publicity about them so it would be impossible to get a license. He promised, however, to take her to California as soon as the affair blew over and there make her his wife.

Downfall Blamed To Woman.

The girl places the blame for her downfall on the woman for whom she worked in Oakland and who she avers was in the habit of arranging for the girls in her employ to visit the rooms of traveling men and other transients stopping in her house.

Gray at first denied his identity and contradicted the statement made by the girl, but later admitted she had told the truth. He also admitted that he had served a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary under the name of Mooney, but said his right name was St. Claire. He, however, denied that he had procured the girl for white slave purposes, but openly admitted he had been living with her and added that the reason he had not married her was because he discovered she was afflicted with a disease.

Among the letters found in Gray's pockets was one written to a friend in Los Angeles, in which he states that he might need \$500 to "hush up" a case and asking his friend to be ready to wire the money at a moment's notice.

The couple will be taken tomorrow morning to Portland, where they will be turned over to Sheriff Quine, of Roseburg.

(Oregon Journal.)

ASTORIA, Or., July 23.—Ethel Metcalf, who disappeared from Oakland, Or., June 25, in company with a man by the name of George Gray, was located last night by Police Officer Bryant in a lodging house near the Hammond mill. They had been living as man and wife under the name of St. Claire for nearly a month.

According to a statement made by Miss Metcalf to local officers, her people knew of her leaving Oakland with Gray. She says they left on a freight train for Roseburg, intending to go to Los Angeles, where they intended to be married. Owing to a landslide the train was delayed and they hired a horse and buggy and went to Roseburg, and thence by train to Portland. After staying in Portland a couple of days they were dissuaded from securing a license because of the publicity given the case, and came on to Astoria, intending to remain until the thing blew over and then go to California by steamer. She had known the man with whom she eloped only about two days.

She is rather a pretty girl and believes the man intended to treat her

ANOTHER PARTY MOYER IS VICTOR

Progressives to Hold Convention in Portland Tomorrow

DELEGATES TO BE SELECTED

Man Kisses Wife Whom He Finds In Company With Boarder—Later He Kills Boarder and Commits Suicide.

(Special to The Evening News.)

PORTLAND, Ore., July 24.—The national progressive party of Oregon will come into its being tomorrow, when a mass convention will be held for the purpose of selecting five delegates to the national convention which will convene in Chicago.

Other than selecting delegates, action to be taken at the convention at Portland is difficult to forecast.

Arrives At Ford's Prairie.

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 24.—The Red Army arrived at Ford's Prairie, eight miles east of here tonight. The army will remain in camp until tomorrow. The Blues remained all day at Gate City, 13 miles west of Centralia, evidently awaiting an advance detachment of the Reds. It will probably be Friday or later when the main bodies go into action.

Kisses His Wife.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 24.—Affectionately kissing his wife, whom he found sitting on the front porch of their home with Simon Gary, a boarder, Frank Faulkner sent his wife into the house and a moment later shot and fatally wounded Gary. He then turned the weapon upon himself with fatal effects.

R. W. Marsters and family leave here Sunday for the mountains where they will enjoy their annual outing.

fairly and marry her. She claims to be over 18 and blames the woman for whom she was working, who, she states, had been in the habit of arranging for girls in her employ to visit the rooms of traveling men and others in the house. However, she claims she refused all such requests.

Miss Metcalf's parents reside at Oakland, Or., and a reward of \$150 has been offered for the capture of the runaways. The sheriff at Roseburg has been notified and will leave at once for Astoria to take them back.

ence upon the part of the flagman and engineer were responsible for the Fourth of July wreck of the Lackawanna railroad, in which forty persons were killed. Warrants of arrest were issued for the flagman and engineer and they will be formally arraigned at an early date.

Eighteen Persons Injured.

ROME, July 24.—Eighteen persons were severely injured today when a street car jumped the track and plunged into the Roman forum. Most of those injured were removed to the hospitals where they are receiving the best of medical attention.

Narrowly Escape Death.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Fifteen

BROWN IS ACTIVE.

Although blaming her downfall upon Mrs. Carrie Settle, of Oakland, District Attorney Geo. M. Brown places little credence in the story of Ethel Metcalf to the effect that she agreed to go in company with George Gray to Los Angeles for the purpose of becoming his wife. On the contrary Mr. Brown still maintains the theory that she was induced to leave her Oakland home under false pretenses and that Gray had planned to eventually place her in a house of ill-repute. This theory, the district attorney says is substantiated in a letter found upon Gray's person following his arrest in Astoria. This communication was addressed to a woman by the name of Lee, who conducts the Antlers hotel, in Los Angeles. The letter was of the introductory nature and is easily interpreted by the officers who have enjoyed experience with criminals such as Gray. In another letter found on Gray's person, the writer urged a friend in Los Angeles to be ready to wire \$500 at a moment's notice. This money, according to the letter, was to be used in "hushing" a certain case, presumably the one at issue. Mr. Brown firmly believes that Gray is a white slaver, and consequently he will be treated as such upon his arrival in Roseburg tonight. Deputy Sheriff Stewart arrived at Portland this morning, according to a telephone message received here today, and will leave for Roseburg with Gray and Miss Metcalf late this afternoon. He should arrive here on train No. 17, at 11:50 o'clock tonight.

AN EFFICIENT SHERIFF.

That George Quine is one of the most efficient officers ever to occupy the office of sheriff of Douglas county is fully attested in yesterday's capture of George Gray, alleged abductor of Ethel Metcalf. Although opposed by one of the smoothest crooks ever to visit Douglas county, Sheriff Quine was persistent in his efforts and not until he received a wire announcing the capture did he relax his operations. Hundreds of circulars, photographs and descriptions were sent broadcast throughout the Northwest and every officer of consequence was called into action. It was merely a case of an efficient and fearless sheriff dealing with an experienced and intelligent crook. With his capture effected, it is only a matter of time until he will receive justice at the hands of Douglas county's able and fearless prosecutor.

MONDELL TALKS

Wyoming Congressman Says Roosevelt is Faker

CONTESTS BRANDED MALICIOUS

Mondell Says Roosevelt Brought About Contests With View Of Laying Foundation For Outrageous Charges.

(Special to The Evening News.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Denouncing Roosevelt as a "pirate who deliberately misleads people," and asserting that the Roosevelt contests at Chicago were "trumped up and faked," Congressman Mondell, of Wyoming, in the House today denied any fraud in Taft's nomination.

In firing the opening gun in Taft's defense, Mondell declared that Speaker Champ Clark had as much right to desert the democratic party as Roosevelt and asserted that the nomination was snatched from the latter without warrant, justification or excuse. In referring to Roosevelt's contests, Mondell said "this overwhelming number was brought for the purpose of confusing the issue, misleading the public and in order to lay a foundation for outrageous charges. Mondell continued in stating that the southern contests were too raw for the stomachs of even the most prejudiced of the Roosevelt supporters.

Mikado Is Much Improved.

TOKIO, July 24.—Official bulletins issued today state that the Mikado is much improved, and is expected to be out of the critical stage in three days.

passengers on the fishing yacht, Idler, narrowly escaped death off the battery today, when the Idler collided with the steamer Old Colony. Mrs. Julia Skidmore, of Brooklyn was severely injured.

Has An Assumed Name.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Hiding his identity and remaining silent other than saying his name was Conway, an unknown man was arrested here today charged with killing Joseph Frettrich, a realty dealer. The man walked into the office occupied by Frettrich and after killing Frettrich turned the gun on Norman Berg, a clerk. The unknown man refuses to give an explanation of his conduct.

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