

### KIDNAPEE A SAILOR

#### Crimps Carry Off Missing Man to Vancouver.

### FIGHT CREW OF RIVERSDALE

#### Charles Buren Is Captured, Confined in a Sailor Boarding-House and Hurried Away—One of the White Boys Arrested.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special)—Charles Buren, the sailor who is missing from the British ship Riversdale, at Portland, is in Vancouver, accompanied by one of the White boys, of the Portland sailor boarding-house. Late this evening White was arrested at the request of the Portland police, and Buren was also held. They arrived here this afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock. The sailor seems to be in a very bad condition. His face shows evidence of a severe beating, and he is very sick. Shortly after his arrival he was taken to one of the barber shops and given a bath. Buren, White, and another man, who is accompanying them, are now at their rooms in the Abbington building.

A plain story of kidnaping is told by the above dispatch, received from Vancouver last night, but the Portland crimps are protected by conditions which will probably prevent the law from reaching them in their crime. Three sailors of better appearance than the ordinary run of their craft, were brutally assaulted by four boarding-house men, who were told they would pay the "blood money" that has been placed upon the head of every sailor that comes to this port. One of them was beaten to insensibility and taken in charge by his assailants, bearing interference from the officers of the law the crimps have fortified their position by taking the prisoner to another state, where he cannot be brought back unless a complaint is made against the people who kidnaped him. Safe from pursuit, the kidnapers will probably keep their prisoner in a secluded place until he has recovered from his bruises sufficient to work, and will watch their time to ship him at the price they have placed upon people of his kind.

**Captain Will Not Make Complaint.**  
Although the detectives have located the missing man they are powerless to take him from the people who have him in charge. He is out of the state and beyond their authority. The only means by which they can reach him is for the captain of the ship or the British consul to make a complaint against his capturers for kidnaping, and this they cannot do without a great loss. If the case is taken into the courts it means that the ship will be delayed for weeks and perhaps for months. Every day's delay means several hundred dollars loss to the owners of the ship, and at the suggestion of a complaint Captain Porter entered a vigorous protest.

"I will be held as a witness. My men will be held as witnesses," he argues. "The loss will be so great that we cannot afford to do it."

"Why not have the British Consul make the complaint?" he was asked. But he only threw up his hands in horror and declared that such a thing was impossible.

"We are completely in the hands of the sailor boarding-house men," he protested. "I should like to go to Vancouver and see if I could not persuade the British consul to back of his own free will, but that is as far as I can go. As soon as we start any action against them they take means to keep our ships from leaving. If we bring suit there will be a thousand pretenses why we will have to stay here."

"Will you or your sailors be needed as witnesses in the present case if a charge of kidnaping is made?"

"The boarding-house men themselves would get subpoenas for us if they saw our ship was going to get away. There is no use talking. We are in the hands of these men, and there is no way to help it."

**Why Sailors Were Assaulted.**  
The British ship Riversdale arrived on New Year's day from Antwerp, and as is usual with British shipmasters, Captain Porter soon found that he was short-handed, some of his sailors having been enticed away. The ship is now at Victoria dock completing her wheat cargo for Australia and is ready to sail in a few days, so when three stout, healthy men presented themselves to the captain Wednesday afternoon, he at once engaged them. The captain was standing at First and Ankeny streets when the men approached him. They gave the names of Charles Buren, Bengt Cyren and E. Pearson. They had come here on the barkentine Amaranth, from Kiao, Choo, China, and having been paid off were looking for another vessel on which to ship. It is evident that some of the sailor boarding-house men were watching them when they applied to Captain Porter for they were waylaid before they reached the ship. The sailors had secured their belongings at the lodging-house where they roomed and driven across in an express wagon to Victoria dock. Just before reaching the dock the men were stopped by four men, one of whom they identify as one of the White brothers, who runs a sailor boarding-house at the foot of Hill street. Without provocation the sailors were attacked and beaten with rocks and clubs. Cyren and Pearson, badly bruised, succeeded in escaping from their assailants and reaching the Riversdale.

**Hauled Him Off Like Baggage.**  
Buren was rendered insensible by the beating he received at the hands of the thugs. The ruffians tossed him back into the express wagon and ordered the driver to drive with him to White's boarding-house.

After nightfall a crowd of 25 or 30 drunken sailors from White's place, accompanied by several of the boarding-house men, visited Victoria dock and began throwing rocks at the sailors on the deck of the Riversdale. First Officer Furse was in charge of the vessel at the time and was struck by a heavy iron pin, thrown by one of the crowd on shore. Several of the seamen were also hit by flying rocks. Two of the attacking gang even ventured aboard the vessel, but were driven ashore. Then the drunken gang tried to cast the ship adrift. The steel cable at the bow was slipped from its moorings and a hawser was cut. The ship was held by the stern hawser, however, which the crowd in its drunken frenzy overlooked. Then, satisfied with the harm they had done, or fearing the approach of the police, the mob dispersed.

**Kept Themselves Informed.**  
The crimps showed no fear of the law, but were not willing to take any chances. Recent developments of the case show that they kept their prisoner at the sailor boarding-house owned by White brothers and "mysterious" Billy Smith until a short time before the officers were informed of the matter. Shortly after a search warrant was sworn out for the purpose of getting both the prisoner and his belongings, Buren was taken to Vancouver. It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon when an officer started for the boarding-house, and the fact that the boarding-house men arrived with their prisoner at Vancouver about 4 o'clock seems to show that they started about the time their house was to be searched. The man's belongings were found at the boarding-house, and are now being held as evidence in case charges are preferred.

determined that the sailors shall be protected against such outrages as are practiced upon them.

"These crimps have made their position very strong," said the Chief, "but I will give the sailors every protection that it is in my power to give them. Sailors do not need to think that they are obliged to go to a sailor boarding-house. I will see that they are protected wherever they go. I have sent an officer to guard the ship from further violence, and shall be glad to send an officer wherever he is needed to protect the sailors. I have not investigated the circumstances connected with this affair, but if they are what they are said to be, the happening is a disgrace to any civilized community. No one is willing to make complaints against the boarding-house men, and they feel that they are free from fear of prosecution. I am willing to do anything that can be done in the matter."

### EXCELSIOR.

**Shades of Night Falling Fast When Hawkins Party Was Last Seen.**

The friends of L. L. Hawkins and his two companions, who left Portland last Monday morning to make the ascent of Mount Hood on skis, or Norwegian snowshoes, have been pleased to learn that

### FENCE MAY GO HIGHER

**THEREFORE S. SILVERFIELD WANTS TEMPORARY INJUNCTION.**

**Fears S. Frank May Raise It to Forty Feet and Paint It a Foul-Red Black.**

A motion for a preliminary injunction in the suit of S. Silverfield against S. Frank, to restrain the defendant from maintaining a high board fence on Twelfth street, between Columbia and Clay streets, was argued before Judge Sears yesterday. The fence is up and Silverfield wants it down. Frank owns a magnificent residence at the corner of Twelfth and Clay streets, and Silverfield owns ground adjoining. Originally Silverfield's line was close to Frank's house, and the latter bought 20 feet on Twelfth street from Silverfield, so that there would be more space between, and Silverfield, to make up for the loss, bought a lot on the north end of the block from R. L. Eckerson. The trouble between the parties is because Silverfield intends to build flats,

### HIGH BOARD FENCE WHICH IS CAUSING LITIGATION.



ON TWELFTH STREET, BETWEEN COLUMBIA AND CLAY.

they reached snow near the tollgate on the Zigzag in safety. They hastened to unload their outfit from the wagon in which they had been conveyed from Gresham, strap on their skis, "hump their swag," containing provisions, bedding and exhilarants sufficient to last them a week, and strike out over the snow for Government Camp and the hosiery of their friend Yocum. The man who had taken them to the snow was in a hurry to get back home that night, and he could not resist the temptation of waiting to see the party start up the slope of the range. It proved to be quite an interesting exhibition of gymnastics as they went, and so much in the nature of a circus that he stayed a long time watching them. The picture of the party on their way, drawn by an inspired artist, which appeared in The Oregonian, the morning after they left, was as true to nature as if it had been sketched on the spot. No one of the party had had much experience in "sking." Consequently their skis occasionally crossed, and sometimes tried to travel in opposite directions, with unpleasant results. The hunter who was out to the Zigzag endeavoring to kill deer out of season, and to witness the performances of the party without being seen, says the man who drove them out must have been late at night getting home, as he seemed unable to tear himself away from the scene of their antics. The last he heard from the party was one shouting to another, "If we can't get to Yocum's to-night we will ski back and sleep in the tollhouse."

This house, where the toll-gatherer lives during the summer, is deserted by him when the first heavy fall of snow comes in, say, November. Old Boreas guards the toll, and sees that but few pass over the road while the toll-gatherer is absent. Hunters go out till very late in the season after deer and make their kills at home in the tollhouse. Some of them are ruffians and have on occasions shot the house full of bullet holes, and once, when leaving, broke the stove to pieces in payment for their lodging.

Further news from the adventurous party is anxiously awaited by their friends, but none will be received until they return victorious or are brought back on their skis.

### GETTING GAY.

**Double Wedding Makes May Payne Older Than Her Daughter-in-Law.**

A double wedding of no usual sort was performed by Justice Reid Thursday afternoon. W. C. Walker, aged 35 years, and his son, Henry Walker, aged 22, were both married at the same time and the father got the youngest girl. Martha C. Simmons, aged 18 years, will hereafter be the mother-in-law of May Payne, aged 19 years, whose name will also be changed to Walker.

"There surely must be a mistake," thought Justice Reid, as he was about to perform the ceremony. He was ushered into the room and introduced to Mr. Walker and his two sons.

"Very nice," said the Judge, "that you can attend the marriage of both your boys at once." The old man certainly looked pleased at home in the tollhouse, as he was thinking of the fine match for his boys.

"Stand up together," said Justice Reid, "and we will perform both the ceremonies at once," and to his great surprise the old man took his place beside the youngest girl, looking even more pleased than ever. "But, you going to get married?" said he, thinking the old man was surely trying to play some trick. He was assured that it was all right, however, and performed the ceremony which makes family relations such as are read about when the son is older than his mother, and some one else has a grandmother who is the youngest one in the family.

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When she saw that the police were after her, a colored woman who had stolen \$20 from R. Griffith returned the money to him and thought that she was out of trouble. The officers are still after her, however, and have the \$20 gold piece that she returned as evidence against her.

As soon as Griffith had been robbed he reported the matter to the police and they commenced to search for the thief. They have not been successful in finding her, but yesterday Griffith was met on the street by a strange colored woman. She gave him \$20 and made him promise that he would stop action against the woman who took it from him. Griffith was pleased to recover his money, and at once reported to Chief Hunt that he did not wish to push the matter any farther.

"Let me have the \$20," said the Chief. "Are you sure this is the same \$20 piece that she gave to you?" he asked, as the man passed it to him.

"Yes," he replied.

The Chief then marked the gold piece in the presence of two witnesses, so that there could be no question concerning its identity in the future, and gave it to Detective Sam Simmons for safekeeping.

"We will keep this as a bond for your appearance to prosecute the woman when we get her," said the Chief, "and this will also make good evidence against her. I am not satisfied when they return the money, for they will steal again the first time they have a chance. I want to catch and convict every thief in the city."

**\$30,000 FROM NORTH DAKOTA**  
Bill for Lewis and Clark Fair—Governor White Favorable.  
Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, who is the Lewis and Clark agent at the North Dakota Legislature, telegraphed that a bill for an appropriation of \$30,000 for a display at the 1906 fair was introduced at Bismarck yesterday, and that Governor White was favorably disposed toward it. The Legislature granted Dr. Coe a hearing in joint session Wednesday and he made an address explaining the purpose and scope of the proposed fair and the benefits to be derived from a proper representation at it.

The North Dakota Editorial Association held its closing reception at the state capital Wednesday night and Dr. Coe was authorized to offer the hospitality of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to the association on its projected visit to Portland. Thirty members left for the Coast yesterday.

**NEGRO DIVE RAIDED.**  
Robbery Leads to Arrest of Fourteen Daughters of Ham.  
Another surprise was sprung on the colored residents of Westchapel last night and 14 daughters of Ham were landed in the City Jail on the charge of vagrancy. During the afternoon a man came to the station and reported that he had been robbed of \$20 by a colored woman and told where the place was. He was to report to the detectives at 7 o'clock, but when the time came he did not show up. Chief Hunt and Captain of Detectives Simmons naturally supposed that he had been given his money back, but they were not willing to let the charge drop so lightly. Officers Roberts, Franklin, Welch, Sloan, Mallot and Tchenor were instructed to go to the place where the man said he had been robbed and bring every one they could get hold of into court. The men who usually haul them out were all at the prizefight and nothing was heard of the matter until about midnight. From that time until late in the morning the Police Station was well filled with those of a shady hue, and many of the women were bailed out and allowed to go.

Emperor William has in the past 30 years killed \$7,483 pieces of game, including 2888 deer, 2323 wild boars, 19,566 hares or rabbits and 18,891 pheasants.