

VENGEANCE FEARED ON WHITIA CHILD

Cleveland Police Make Quick Capture of at Least Two of Gang That Held Boy.

REFUSE TO TELL IDENTITY

While Officers Probe Deeper Into Crime, Sharon Dons Gala Attire and Celebrates Return of Kidnaped Boy.

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bank, still around it. Captain Shattuck and Detective Frank Wood made the arrests in the East End of the city.

Man Tries to Escape.

When they neared the station the man broke away from Detective Wood and ran towards an alley. The policeman fired two shots from his revolver into the air, and the man stopped. The woman made no attempt to escape.

The woman appears to be well educated and is refined in manners. She says she spent 15 years of her life in a convent in Pennsylvania, but denies that she has ever been in trouble before. Both the man and woman deny that they know each other's name. They admit they are not man and wife. According to the police, they were intoxicated when taken in custody. Due to their condition they were not questioned closely by the police, and were locked in separate cells.

Both will be arraigned in Police Court tomorrow on the charge of abduction, according to Detective Wood. Attempts were made to communicate with Whittia in Sharon tonight, but he could not be located.

The man says that he has been a resident of Cleveland for 17 years. He claims to have a mother and a sister here.

Whittie Gives Clews.

Whittie Whittia told Captain Shattuck on Monday that the woman who kept him a prisoner had smallpox scars on her face. The woman has a red nose and spots on her cheeks and appears to have had smallpox. She is a tall blonde, probably 25 years old. She was dressed in a black silk skirt, a gray coat and black hat. The man is dark and smooth-faced.

Today detectives heard that a man and a woman answering the description of the kidnapers had been seen on the outskirts of the city. They came down town and bought numerous articles of clothing, totaling \$5 in payment. It was learned later a package in a downtown store, which proved to consist of discarded clothing.

Captain Shattuck and Detective Wood trailed the man and woman around the business districts of the city for several hours during the afternoon, but delayed taking them into custody. Shortly after midnight the police learned that the two had gone to the East End.

Prisoners Were Drunk.

The police walked up behind the pair and Captain Shattuck took the woman by the arm. Detective Wood secured the man. The couple staggered, say the police, as if they were intoxicated. They made no attempt to accompany the officers. The man was downcast, and would not talk. The woman chatted with the policeman at her side at first, and asked to be released.

It was then that she admitted having planned the kidnaping. In the meantime the man attempted to escape, and the revolver shots of Captain Shattuck brought him to a standstill.

Whittia says he has the numbers on the currency bills handed the kidnapers, and the police are comparing the notes found in the possession of the prisoners with the memorandum of Whittia.

Boy Furnishes Clew.

The childish habit of Willie Whittia in spelling out the names on streetcars may prove helpful to the police of Cleveland in finding the company which the boy held a captive so long.

While the boy was seated at a table today he began spelling the name of a streetcar line in Cleveland. Detective Ward, who was near the boy, asked him what he meant.

"Why, that's the name of the streetcar which passed the hospital where 'Mr. Jones' kept me," answered the boy. Private detectives were sent here from Sharon and Pittsburgh to go over the carline and look for the house described by Willie.

It is believed that it is not far from the corner at which Whittie was placed on the car by one of the kidnapers Monday night.

Inspector Rowe believes that he has captured the kidnapers of Willie Whittia. The men and woman in custody thus far have declined to explain the possession of such a large sum of money or where they came from or their destination.

The \$10,000 ransom of "Billy" Whittia was paid to his kidnapers in a little grocery store at East Fifty-third street and Standard avenue, an hour after noon Monday.

The money was received by an ordinary looking man, who gave his name as Hayes. He picked up the package of yellow-backed bills, smiled and left. He was a short, heavy-set man, well, but not finely dressed, his face slightly pockmarked and apparently of Irish extraction.

Mrs. Bernard Hendrickson, temporarily in charge of the store for her mother, Mrs. Margaret Uhle, forgot to notice which way the man went, and at the door of the little grocery is the last trace the police have of him.

The Hayes man stepped into the store at noon and asked if a package had been left there for him. Mrs. Hendrickson, without noting his appearance, told him there had not been. An hour later a prosperous looking man, who said his name was Williams, came in with a small package in his pocket.

"He said he wanted to leave it for a man named Hayes," said Mrs. Hendrickson today. "He asked if Hayes had been here, and I said he had. Williams left the package and not two minutes later Hayes came in and asked: 'Is my package here?' I told him that it was, and he smiled. Without another word he took it from where it lay exposed on top of the cigar case and went away."

SHARON CELEBRATES RETURN

Little Town in Gala Mood to Welcome Kidnaped Boy.

SHARON, Pa., March 23.—A big demonstration was held here tonight over the home-coming of 8-year-old Willie Whittia, who was rescued from kidnapers last night, after his father had paid \$10,000 ransom.

A big parade was held by the Buhl Independent Rifles, a National Guard company and the Buhl Rifles' Band, both named for Willie's uncle, and thousands of persons marched behind them through

the streets to the Whittia home, where 5000 people assembled. Mr. Whittia addressed the throng. He extended his thanks to all the officials and individuals who had assisted in the search for the boy. He suggested that children be taught by their parents to fear strangers and to make an outcry whenever any strangers attempt to induce children to accompany them.

Willie Whittia was out this afternoon playing with his little friends. He rode a bicycle, played marbles, and assisted in flying a kite. He is the object of the childish envy of every boy in Sharon tonight.

Royal Welcome Home. Accorded an ovation by the populace of Sharon that could not have been heartier the little fellow and his father arrived here at 12:30, after an absence of 125 hours. Fully 5000 persons extended the lad a demonstrative greeting. Pushing their way through the dense crowd surrounding the railroad station, Mr. Whittia, Willie, his uncle and a detective boarded a cab and were quickly driven home.

Cheering, the great crowd of enthusiastic neighbors and citizens followed the cab through the street. Business was practically at a standstill, public places were jammed, and a jollification that will last until late tonight was given full sway.

At the Whittia residence a second crowd had been waiting throughout the morning. As the cab and the observing throng were sighted, those surrounding the Whittia home shouted and sang in joy. When the boy and his father attempted to alight from the cab they were in the midst of a remarkable demonstration. For many an hour, and all Sharon seemed mad with joy.

With difficulty the party succeeded in extricating themselves from the crowd. Once inside the house, the mother, who had been patiently waiting with happy anticipation since last night to see her boy, affectionately clasped her child to her breast and for several minutes they clung to one another and sobbed.

"My boy, my dear, dear boy! You are back in my arms," she cried. Crying and hugging the little fellow, the mother showered him with kisses and seemed reluctant to leave him from her arms to answer the calls of the multitude gathered in front of the house.

Pose for Pictures. After being in the house a few minutes, Mr. and Mrs. Whittia, with Billy, his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Buhl, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Whittia, both of them 80 years old, came out on the front porch. The crowd cheered and rushed toward the house. For a moment it seemed as though some of the people would be crushed. They were restrained by the detectives, however, and consented to keep still while the family posed for a photograph.

As soon as the picture-taking demonstration broke forth again, Willie climbed to the railing surrounding the porch, and apparently paying no attention to the great crowd, yelled to several school companions whom he saw in the streets.

"Tonight there will be a big celebration in honor of Willie's return," he cried. H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of the boy, taking the leading part.

The police have started to work in earnest now, and will attempt to make to arrest the abductors. It is believed when Mr. Whittia tells a complete story of his negotiations with the men who found him, that will not only lead to their capture, but the successful manner in which the case was worked out by the boy's captors will serve as a lesson to all who would attempt such an average feat.

KEEP THE MONEY AT HOME

Citizens Say Bar Tug Contract Should Be Let Here.

PORTLAND, Or., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—Referring to the communications of Williamette Iron & Steel Works, and W. G. McPherson concerning the letting of contract for a steel tug, we desire to add our individual indorsement to the expression of opinion of the Manufacturers' Association as a whole, that judged by even the money standard it is cheaper and better to pay the Williamette Iron & Steel Works \$12,000 for the ship than \$104,425 to the Craig Shipbuilding Company of Long Beach, Cal. The reason is extremely simple as these figures show: Difference in favor of bid, \$755; cost of inspection estimated, \$100; net difference, say, \$655; money is worth 10 per cent in business, say, \$1,000; by keeping at home we gain say, \$2000. If the boat is built at an outside point all you have is the boat. If the boat is built at home you have the boat and the advantage of the money in circulation performing many useful functions. Seventy thousand dollars expended for wages is money circulating medium to Portland and tributary territory. We do not see how 70 cents could get back here where it belongs if once we permit this large sum to go out of our possession to Long Beach. It is not the price paid but the value received. We therefore once more express the hope that the Port of Portland Commission will wisely consent to award this contract to the Williamette Iron & Steel Works, who are also close at hand to furnish repairs as the need arises and are the very best of a land speculative, ship-building concern.

O. E. HEINTZ, Chairman Metal Trades Association.

PORTLAND, Or., March 23.—(To the Editor.)—Regarding the question whether the tugboat of the Columbia River should be built in Portland or in some outside city, I have become deeply interested in the question from the standpoint of a taxpayer and in the up-building of our manufacturing industries in our city.

In a letter from Mr. Corbett, I see he has stated that about \$100,000 of the cost would be for labor. All of this \$100,000, if the work is done in Portland, would be circulated through the avenues of business in our city, as working men usually spend all they make in living expenses. On the other hand, the firm making the bid has spent a great deal of money in the magnificent plant they have erected in Portland, and if we do not patronize such institutions at home, when can we expect to patronize them?

During my term of two years and a half on the board of the Port of Portland, the spirit of the board at that time was that no work be let outside of the city that could be done here unless the outside bid was at least 15 per cent lower than the bid received from our home institutions. We let two contracts while I was on the board for work to parties outside the city. If I remember rightly, one was \$2 per square foot for figures we got in Portland and the other was \$25 and 50 per cent, and the board did not insist on paying to our home institutions the extra amount asked for.

There must, of course, be some limit to the protection of home industry but there is one thing certain: If the boat is built at Long Beach, Cal., we will get the boat. If the boat is built in Portland, we will have the boat and the money too.

I do not think the matter of 5 or 7 per cent difference in the bid is sufficient to justify the contract being let to outside parties. I do not believe that the board would be criticized by any one, should they see fit to let the contract to a Portland firm, even if they have to pay the difference asked.

M. C. BANFIELD.

Webster Found Dead in Bed.

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Edward Webster, who has been living at the Harbor Hotel for several months, was found dead in his bed today. The coroner decided death was due to heart disease. Relatives at Riverside, Mich., wired instructions for burial here.

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O'BRIEN NOT GOING Lays Under Ground Rumors of His Transfer. S. P. IN GOOD CONDITION Even After Hard Winter Road Is in Good Shape—Expects Construction of Deschutes Line to Begin Within Very Short Time.

That there has not been a word of truth in the various rumors and statements to the effect that he was to take charge of the Southern Pacific division at San Francisco was the emphatic statement made by E. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in this territory, last night. Mr. O'Brien made no unqualified denials. He hit right out from the shoulder.

"There was nothing in the story from the start," said Mr. O'Brien last night. "I knew what I was called to Los Angeles for. There was never any question of my changing my position. It was never thought of for a moment. The first I heard of the matter was at Port Costa, when I was informed that rumors published, and where I made a thorough denial. Of course the story originated some time ago with the recall of Mr. Calvin from Honolulu, and that these rumors were flying around I knew. It has caused me excessive annoyance in many ways, and I can only repeat that there was no talk of the matter; that I do not believe the idea ever entered into the heads of either Mr. Harriman or Mr. Knutchen, the latter being, of course, the man who would have the recommendations for any removals or changes of this nature."

In an emphatic manner Mr. O'Brien laid the rumor of his alleged promotion definitely under the ground, at any rate for some time.

"Mr. Henry is a reliable man," said Mr. O'Brien. "While I do not think he will discuss the matter as to whether the railroad or the dam is to be paramount, he will undoubtedly see that the dam is to be dispensed with. And in this connection it cannot be made too emphatic that this dam is an irrigation project, but a dam for raising power, and as Mr. Boschke has pointed out, the power can be raised in other ways."

Central Oregon Road Expensive. "Portland should be vitally interested, for when the Central Oregon road goes through I believe 90 per cent of the freight will come here. The road, as we have at present surveyed it, will cost \$4,000,000 a mile, and it is an expensive road that costs over \$25,000 a mile. If this figure is forced up any further, the dam is not an irrigation project, but a dam for raising power, and as Mr. Boschke has pointed out, the power can be raised in other ways."

Four Indictments Returned. SPOKANE, March 23.—Though the Root-Gordon investigation is to rest until the Supreme Court decides whether a stenographer can be hired to record the testimony of witnesses, the jury is keeping busy with minor matters. Four indictments were returned this morning against J. F. Castello, embezzlement; Harry Little, false pretenses; Philip Levi and Erosa Smith, immorality; Polly Miller and Jack Hare, robbery.

Official Purist Dead. CHICAGO, March 23.—Robert W. McAfee, 80 years of age, a veteran postoffice inspector and known as the Anthony Constock of Chicago, "dropped dead" of heart disease while walking in State street today. His work was confined almost entirely to keeping objectionable matter out of the mails.

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AERONAUTS LAND SAFELY (Continued From First Page.) ward, passed San Gabriel Peak, and landed on the north slope of the second range, under the towering dome of Strawberry Peak.

Lose Way in Mountains. There was a ranch-Colby's place—near, but the aeronauts, after leaving the balloon, took the wrong direction to reach it, and wandered until long after nightfall, when they gave up the vain search and made camp for the night. The one stray match found in the pocket of one of them serving to light a huge bonfire.

At daylight they started out again. A blizzard had begun in the early hours of the morning and now was raging furiously. In the face of this they struggled through the deep snow, over rough mountains and through deep canyons until at last they came upon Colby's place. This was at 3 o'clock Sunday.



BEN SELLING LEADING CLOTHIER

CURRY NOT TO RESIGN JOB

all. It is known, however, that the message contained an expression of President Taft's confidence in Governor Curry, and of his support, and requested the Governor to reconsider his resignation.

NEW MEXICO'S GOVERNOR CHANGES MIND.

Says Taft Asked Him to Stay, and Expressed Confidence in His Ability and Promised Support.

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What CLEVELAND thought of Roosevelt and Morgan

His estimate of Roosevelt —"The most perfectly equipped and the most effective politician thus far seen in the Presidency." Though at first doubtful of Morgan, Cleveland later called him—"A great patriotic banker." He also discusses with great freedom the characteristics, work and personalities of



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Covell's Jail Crowded.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Fairbairn; violin solo, by E. Aiged, accompanied by Otto Bauman.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. KALAMA, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Covell's County Jail is now filled to its full capacity. There are more prisoners in the building today than at any one time before. Sheriff Carnina has been compelled to put in some cots and more bedding to accommodate all the prisoners.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. BAUER-KUNZ—C. A. Bauer, 23, city; Mrs. Martha Kunz, 42, city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. FOWLER-BRYAN—W. H. Fowler, 27, city; Evelyn Fay Bryan, 22, city.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. BEARE-GRIMES—John A. Beare, 32, Brookings, Wash.; Georgia C. Grimes, 17, city.

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