

BOYLE SAYS UNCLE PLANNED KIDNAPING

Convicted Man Tells Tale of Long Blackmail and Final "Double-Crossing."

STRONG DENIALS ENTERED

Both Whittia and His Brother-in-Law Say Story Is Lie—Boyle and Wife Enter Upon Sentence in Penitentiary Given.

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steps they would have to take to get a review of the case.

BOYLE TELLS OF BLACKMAIL

Obtained Money From Planner of Kidnaping, Then Told Whittia.

MERCER, Pa., May 10.—Before he was taken from here to the penitentiary at Pittsburgh today to begin a life sentence, James Boyle, the convicted kidnaper, made the statement which both he and his wife have been promising and which they said would "shake the country." The statement follows: "The complete history of the kidnaping of Willie Whittia, the origin of same and what led up to it: "On the morning of — between the hours of — and — Dan Reebie, Jr., was found dead on the sidewalk in Youngstown, and over the prostrate form was Harry Forker, of Sharon, Pa., holding in his right hand a package of letters gathered from the sidewalk near the body.

Boyle Got Four Letters.

"In Mr. Forker's hurry to leave the scene he failed to find two envelopes that contained four letters. The same were picked up by Shay and later taken to his place of business.

"The writer and Mr. Shay examined and read the contents of same, which proved beyond a doubt the presence of Mr. Forker there at that time.

"The letters were written by a lady, two from a party in New York and the others from Cleveland, Ohio. At a later date Mr. Forker was apprised of the fact that the writer held these letters in his possession, and asked if he could use the same. A letter was immediately sent the writer by Mr. Forker, stating that he (Mr. Forker) would like to have a personal talk with the writer, and a meeting took place a day or so after.

"Mr. Forker acknowledged he would pay for the letters. The amount not being considered sufficient, was refused, and from that day on and up until March, 1908, the writer, on the pretext of exposing the letters and the coincidence of Mr. Forker being discovered bending over the prostrate form of Mr. Reebie, had received at different times amounts of money from Mr. Forker to remain silent.

Demanded \$6000 at Once.

"About six months ago, when I returned to Sharon with my wife, I met Mr. Forker and informed him that unless I received \$6000 between then and the time I intended to leave Sharon, I would hold the secret no longer. "He then informed me that it was impossible for him to get that amount, but some time in April, 1908, he was to get a certain amount of money and then settle with me. On my leaving Sharon, March 12, 1908, I went to Cleveland and wrote to Forker as follows: "Dear Sir: I have decided to wait any longer in regard to the money proposition, and if I don't hear from you soon there will be some exposing."

"March 16, 1908, I received an answer to the same, which read as follows: "You know the circumstances and the promise I made you when you left here, but if you really are as desperately in need of money as you profess to be, I will outline a little plan which, with your co-operation, can be very successfully carried out, viz: the abduction of J. E. Whittia's son. I can arrange to have the boy brought to Warren, O., due there at 11:15 with an escort. (There is no signature to the letter.)

Kidnaping Is Carried Out.

"I left Cleveland at 8:15 A. M., and arrived at Warren at 10:45 A. M., then proceeded to Niles, O., by streetcar. I arrived at Warren at 11:15 A. M., but, failing to see the boy and his escort, I got off at Warren and remained in the vicinity of the depot.

"About ten minutes later, boy and escort arrived, and I was informed that they drove from Sharon to Warren. I warned the party to take the boy up along the Pittsburg & Western track, leave him there and that I would attend to the rest of it, which he proceeded to do.

"I brought the boy to Niles, O., from there to Ashland, and then to Cleveland. On March 22, I received a letter from Mr. Forker stating that some one had informed Mr. Whittia that in any way recognized his boy on March 13, in Niles, O., and that James Boyle, of Sharon, was with him; also that Mr. Whittia was afraid to divulge the information for fear the boy might come to harm, and telling me to be careful and be on the alert, and that when I received the money to immediately surrender these Youngstown letters, to send same to him at Sharon, and on Tuesday, April 23, to turn half of the ransom money over to him, and he would turn over the same to the party who took Willie Whittia to Warren.

Tells Story to Whittia.

"Upon learning that my name was mentioned in connection with the case, I met Mr. Whittia personally in Cleveland, at Fifty-third street and St. Clair avenue; showed him the letter that passed between Mr. Forker and myself; also the Youngstown letters, and Mr. Whittia promised that if I would surrender for fear the truth of the Youngstown letters he would see there would be no prosecution.

"I then surrendered through Mr. Whittia all the letters that were in my possession, and the world knows the result. I was arrested and convicted and deprived by my own counsel of telling my story on that stand. I informed me the boy was brought in order to escape being quarantined in the pesthouse and was to be handsomely rewarded for taking care of him.

"This unfortunate woman was duped from start to finish in regard to the boy, and I was duped from the moment I let the letters go into Mr. Whittia's possession. As my counsel afterwards informed me, had nothing to show or to prove, and that it was a matter of veracity and their word against mine. I had given my scintilla I had, and now I am ac-

ted for. This story is as true as there is a God above us. "JAMES BOYLE. (Signed) "Mercer, Pa., May 10, 1908."

FORKER MAKES STRONG DENIAL

Whittia Also Brands Boyle's Statement as "Malicious Lie."

SHARON, Pa., May 10.—(Special.)—Harry Forker, whom James Boyle implicates in the kidnaping of the Whittia boy and also attempts to connect with a murder in Youngstown, O., is a brother of Mrs. Whittia and uncle of the stolen boy. He is wealthy and has a good reputation. Although there had been intimations that some relative was implicated in the kidnaping, the citizens of Sharon were astonished at the charges made by Boyle. His story finds some believers, but they are in the small minority. Mr. Forker declared the intimations, although without the slightest foundation, were not new to him, as he had understood for some time such a statement was threatened.

Mr. Whittia was greatly vexed when he learned of the publication of the statement. He pronounced the whole story a malicious falsehood. Forker said:

"I know absolutely nothing of this case. There is nothing to it. I only know Boyle as I know other members of his family, as residents of Sharon. I have never had any dealings with him. I do not know the woman who is said to be his wife. I can conceive of no reason why Boyle should make such a statement unless it be to get even with the Whittia family for his

COMBINING LINKS AGAINST CALHOUN

Prosecution Seeks Direct Evidence That He Was Party to Bribery.

HAD CONTROL OF BOARD

All Other Directors Dummies Who Did His Will—He Told Wilcott to Enter Payment of \$200,000 as Loan by Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—The 18th week of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, for bribery of the Superiors in '904, opened today with the prosecution engaged in

CONVICTED KIDNAPER, WHO ACCUSES ANOTHER OF PLANNING CRIME.



JAMES BOYLE.

prosecution following the abduction. Boyle never showed me any letters. Boyle did not see me in Cleveland. The whole story is a willful, malicious and slanderous lie."

After Boyle's statement had become public Mr. Whittia denied that he had seen Boyle or talked with him in Cleveland prior to his son's return and the arrest of Boyle. "The whole statement," he said, "is a willful and malicious lie."

MRS. BOYLE TRIED SUICIDE

Took Morphine in Cell—Husband Had Razor Secreted.

MERCER, Pa., May 10.—That the threats of a double suicide made by Mrs. Boyle last night were not mere idle words was shown today when it became known that a razor which had been secreted in his clothing was taken from Boyle today, and that Mrs. Boyle had taken what she says was "enough morphine to kill two people."

The morphine was taken between midnight and daylight, but had little effect on the woman. In the cell adjoining Mrs. Boyle's there is a woman who is said to be addicted to the use of morphine, and who has been supplied with it during her imprisonment. Mrs. Boyle is said to have secured several tablets from this woman and to have swallowed them. She was rendered partly unconscious during the night and was very sick this morning. It is believed the effect of the morphine caused her to collapse in the courtroom. Fearing an attempt to carry out their threats, Sheriff Chess had Boyle carefully searched before taking him before court today. A razor was found secreted in his necktie. As a further precaution, Sheriff Chess today took from Mrs. Boyle three hairpins and removed all the glasses she had in her cell.

Sheriff Chess is of the opinion that Boyle intended last night to kill his wife and then himself. Last night Boyle made a request that he be allowed to visit his wife in her cell, that they might talk over some private affairs and arrange the details of their appeal. The Sheriff put off granting the request.

REEBIE DIED AS DESCRIBED

Youngstown Police Records Bear Out Statement of Boyle.

YOUNGSTOWN, Pa., May 10.—The police records here confirm the statement of James Boyle so far as the death of Dan Reebie, Jr., is concerned, but not as relates to Harry Forker. Reebie died in June, 1905. Patrolman Michael Donnelly talked with Reebie only an hour prior to his death. Leaving Reebie, Donnelly was less than a block away from his beat when he heard a noise in the direction of the Mauser building. He returned and found Dan Reebie, Jr., on the sidewalk lying, but unconscious. No one was in sight. Reebie was in the habit of sitting on his window sill before retiring. No one ever has been suspected of knowing the exact manner of his death. Dan Shay, mentioned by Boyle, was a saloonkeeper here, and died about two

the endeavor to forge the connecting links of its chain of evidence which are vital, inasmuch as they are intended directly to implicate the defendant with the alleged offense. The first several weeks of the taking of testimony passed without interjection of Calhoun's name into the interrogations, but in the last five or six days the character of the evidence has changed and nearly every witness has been questioned as to the relations of the defendant to certain aspects of the case.

Calhoun in Absolute Control.

Most of the day was given over to the investigation of the minute books of the United Railroads directors, which were used by Secretary George B. Wilcott of the company to refresh his memory. From the questions asked it appeared that the prosecution was seeking to show that Calhoun was in absolute control of the Board from the time of his election as president in 1905 and that the majority of the directors were merely dummies, holding but a single share of stock each.

Mr. O'Gara drew out a statement that Mr. Wilcott had known nothing of the \$200,000 deposited to Mr. Calhoun's credit in the mint, or of any action by the Board of Directors looking to the electrifying the cable lines during the period in question. Over the objection of the defense a letter, written to Mr. Wilcott by Calhoun in September, 1906, was placed in evidence. It contained instructions to credit the United Railroads Company with \$200,000, to bear 6 per cent interest annually. This credit, the witness said, was entered in the ledger, but the book was sent East last year when the books were audited. The witness said that he did not know whether he asked how this money had been disbursed.

Ruef and Ford Hobnobbed.

Near the close of the session two waiters of the Cosmos Club told of having seen Abraham Ruef and Lily L. Ford lunching together at the club in May, 1908. Following them, Louis A. Ford, Ruef's chauffeur from July 26, 1906, to September, 1908, told of a trip to the railroad company's office in August. The defense brought out discrepancies in the testimony of these three witnesses by a comparison with the evidence given by them at the Ford trials.

The last witness called was Victor A. Rossett, confidential clerk of the Wells-Fargo-Nevada National Bank, where the company had an account. Transcripts

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the books of the bank, showing the account of the company during April, May, June, July and August, 1906, were read into the record, but their significance was not shown, as the witness was still on the stand when court adjourned for the day.

SAYS CHRISTIANS DID IT

VALI OF ADANA TRIES TO SHIFT BLAME FOR MASSACRE.

Says More Moslems Than Armenians Killed, but Figures Denounced as False.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 10.—A telegram received from the Vali of Adana today says 1524 Moslems were killed and 388 wounded in the recent disturbances, while only 1405 Armenians were slain and 382 wounded. These figures, it is alleged, comprise the casualties throughout the entire Vilayet.

This statement is considered here as false, made with the object of throwing the responsibility on the Armenians to justify the numerous arrests of Christians, which, it is reported, continue. W. W. Feet, of the American mission board, is supplying the funds contributed in the United States and Great Britain to six centers—Adana, Tarsus, Alexandretta, Latakia, Englis and Kasim. The contributions amount to about \$30,000.

ASIA MINOR QUIETING DOWN

But Robberies and Attempts at Arson Still Continue.

ADANA, May 10.—The situation here and throughout the province is improving. The government is beginning to restore the plunder and the people are returning to their homes, many of which are still standing. The military commander has sent troops into the country districts to maintain order and enable the refugee farmers to harvest their crops. Many Armenians and a few Moslems are taken into custody and elaborate attempts are made to burn the Armenian houses. Various robberies are recorded and valuables from a safe in a German flour mill have been carried away. Nevertheless, conditions are very different from what they were only a few days ago.

Rev. Mr. Lawson and Rev. W. N. Chambers have gone to Hadji to aid American women teachers there. Rev. Stephen R. Trowbridge is proceeding to Aintab, while Dr. F. F. Shepard has gone to Baybosh, where a great majority of the male residents have been killed.

WOMAN BITES OFF HIS EAR

Neighbor in Turn Has Mrs. Celia Riggs Arrested for Mayhem.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Celia Riggs, of Clackamas Heights, was today arrested on a charge of mayhem on a complaint made by John Gengler. The two are neighbors, and last Winter were involved in a fight over some chickens that got into the wrong yard. Mrs. Riggs, in her excitement, bit off a piece of Gengler's ear, and she was arrested on an assault and battery charge, entering a plea of guilty. Justice Samson fined her \$5 and remitted the same. Today Gengler swore out a warrant charging mayhem. The case will be tried next Thursday morning. The woman is represented by Attorney George C. Brownell.

Chinese Gambling Games Raided.

Raids made by Police Detectives Tichenor and Howell last night on two Chinese gambling dens resulted in the capture of a number of Chinamen who were taking part in the games, and the

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seizure of a large amount of money in bank rolls as well as the paraphernalia used. The first place raided was at 47 Fourth street, North. Three of the yellow men, Ah Jung, Ah Fow and Lee Fow were taken into custody and taken to the station, where friends gave bail of \$50 each for their appearance today in the Municipal Court. A \$65 bank roll was captured. The second raid was made a few minutes later at 89 Second street, and Ah Sam, Ah Sing and Ah Jim were arrested. The bank roll in this case was \$180. Cousins again furnished bail.

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