

LITTLE GIRL LOST; CASE MYSTIFIES

Louisville Puzzled Over Disappearance of Alma Kellner.

WOMAN IN BLACK APPEARS

Family Denies That Mother Has Arranged for Meeting With Alleged Kidnapers—Scores of Stories Are Received by Police.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 10.—Though story after story has been investigated by the Louisville police, the whereabouts of 8-year-old Alma Kellner, who disappeared Wednesday morning, remain unknown.

Meanwhile children resembling Alma Kellner have been reported to have been seen forced into covered carriages by violent women, roughly dressed men and the like, observe walking up and down street corners, hurried into Tel City, Ind., where an alleged disgruntled relative of the Kellners is supposed to live; while another story is that Alma is taken for her 11-year-old aunt, Meta Kellner, an actress whom Alma resembles.

The city has distributed 600 circulars offering an unspecified reward for the recovery of the child, and the entire police forces of Louisville and Southern Indiana towns are busy upon the case.

Father Not Wealthy. Frank Febr, millionaire brewer and uncle of the missing child, said today that F. L. Kellner was not in a position to pay a ransom for Alma, although F. L. Kellner, Sr., had been a rich man. The family positively denies a story circulated last night that a meeting between Mrs. Kellner and the alleged kidnapers had been arranged for this morning.

Woman in Black Watched. One of these "mysterious women in black," who usually figure in cases of the Kellner kind, was discovered by reporters today near the home of Mrs. F. L. Kellner, Sr., and her actions excited suspicion. The police, who have searched in vain every vault, stream, empty house and alley in a radius of half mile of the Kellner home, devoted their attention late today to watching this woman and to running down the story of an aged Russian peddler who said he had seen a Southern Indiana today a girl who might have been Alma, traveling toward Madison, Ind., and Cincinnati, with a man in a wagon.

STARVING, LABORER ROBS

Hungry Tacoma Man Becomes Daylight Holdup Artist; Beats Victim.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 10.—Made desperate by hunger, Fred Williams, an unemployed laborer, late this afternoon entered the money loan shop of Martin Bloom with the intention of robbery, backed Mr. Bloom, a man 55 years of age, into a back room of half mile of a revolver, and after repeatedly striking him with an iron pipe, fired three shots at Bloom, a bullet grazing Bloom's scalp, inflicting a wound an inch deep.

The daring holdup took place while hundreds of persons were passing the shop. Williams was caught as he was running from the store and confessed to the crime, giving as his only motive that hunger drove him to desperation. Bloom will live.

DRUNKEN MAN IS DROWNED

With Companion Is Spilled From Overturned Skiff.

RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A skiff in which two men, both apparently intoxicated, were engaged in the river between this place and Sney Bend, last night, and one was drowned. The survivor was picked up and taken to the hospital unconscious. After resting for a while he left the hospital without giving his name nor any account of the accident. The river is now being dragged for the body of the drowned man.

WENATCHEE GIRL IS FREED

Miss Fay Needs Released on Reimbursing County—Acted as Agent.

MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Miss Fay Needles, arrested at Wenatchee on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was released yesterday on payment of the expenses of prosecution and the further agreement to send to Superintendent McKillip ten sets of the books in dispute.

TRAIN 13 HURTS OLD MAN

Suction Believed to Have Drawn Him Against Cars.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 10.—(Special.)—A Lemcke, an old resident of this city, was accidentally struck by train No. 13 today and seriously injured.

CHAN YIN TANG IS ASHORE

New Chinese Minister Brings Students to Be Americanized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Chan Yin Tang, successor to Wu Ting Fang as Minister from China to the United States, accompanied by members of his family and a party of about 40 secretaries and students, arrived here at 6 P. M. on the liner Mongolia. Yung Qui, first secretary of the legation at Washington, and Hay Ping Chen, Consul-General in this city, greeted him in his stateroom.

When the vessel docked the visitors were received by officials of the Chi-

ness Six Companies, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. They were then driven to the hotel in automobiles after which they crossed the bay to Oakland, where the new Minister was the guest of honor at a banquet at the home of the Consul-General.

DEFER EXCURSION TO CHINA

Coast Chambers Will Wait Till Nankin Exposition Opens.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The excursion to China of delegates from the various Chambers of Commerce and other commercial bodies of the Coast, which was to have started from this port on February 8 next, has been postponed until September at the request of the Chinese Chambers of Commerce. The reasons for asking the postponement are that in September a great industrial exposition will be held in Nanking, which it is desired the visitors should see, and also because of the better climatic conditions which will prevail than earlier in the year.

TAKES PART OF HAZERS

HURTS ACCIDENTAL, NOW SAYS CADET SUTTON.

Impossible, However, That Dismissed West Pointers Will Be Reinstated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—An effort will be made during the coming session of Congress to secure the reinstatement in West Point Academy of the seven cadets who were dismissed for participation in the hazing of Cadet R. B. Sutton, of Oregon. Cadet Sutton is showing a disposition to assist his former schoolmates in obtaining the desired reinstatement. Colonel J. H. Devore, of Wheeling, W. Va., father of one of the dismissed cadets, recently wrote to Cadet Sutton, asking for the version of the latter as to the affair in which he was hazed, and which led to the dismissal of the cadets who participated.

In reply Sutton wrote that, "considering the term 'hazening' as defined by Webster and used in the regulations of the United States Military Academy in regard to hazing, I cannot conscientiously say that I was harassed, distressed, or tired or fatigued or hazed in any way by the mere fact of anyone taking hold of my rifle. He further wrote about the affair as follows:

"This bunch of men came out, not with any malicious intent or attempt to injure or harm in any way. They were not aware, I think, of the identity of the sentinel, and my being hurt was an accident, pure and simple. There was not at any time any vicious intent to hurt or harm me, and which led to the dismissal of the cadets who participated. At the time I was hurt I do not recall that any of these men were aware of the fact. I am sure that if all of them would have given me assistance if I had needed it."

TWO WARSHIPS COLLIDE

GEORGIA AND NEBRASKA BUMP DURING MANEUVERS.

Rivets in Armor Strained, but Both Vessels Stay With Fleet on Return.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The battleship Oregon and Nebraska collided yesterday afternoon while engaging in tactical exercises off the Virginia capes.

The effects were not serious and the two ships were able to return to Hampton Roads today with the entire fleet. Rivets in the two vessels were strained.

Commander A. H. Davis was in charge of the Georgia, Captain Potts, the recent commander of the battleship, having been relieved and his successor appointed. Commander Davis is the executive officer of the Georgia. Rear-Admiral Conly, in command of the third division of the fleet, also was on the Georgia. The Nebraska was commanded by Captain John F. Newton.

The Navy Department had no detailed information to give out in regard to the damage. It was learned, however, that the collision was severe enough to strain rivets of the armored sides of the vessels.

PASTOR SCORNS RICHES

Hillis Hastens to Sell Land Underlaid With Coal Veins.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Only his belief that a mine should not be in the money-making business has prevented Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, a Brooklyn pastor, writer and lecturer, from becoming a millionaire several times over.

Last Summer he sold his 20,000-acre estate on Graham island, off Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and in tramping through rough woodland, stumbled across a vein of coal. He had the vein prospectively and experts declared it enormously rich.

Dr. Hillis did not care to be involved in high finance when he still had his work as pastor, and so he sold the property to old friends, James A. Moore, of Seattle, and H. E. Law, of San Francisco. Last night an official of the Western Steel Corporation said they had found coal worth at least \$5,000,000.

Cotton Crop to Be Light.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture estimates that the total production of cotton in the United States for the season of 1909-10 will amount to 4,826,344,000 pounds (not including lint); equivalent to 10,988,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

Canada Executes Jap Slayer.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Dec. 10.—T. Yoshikawa, a Japanese who murdered a companion in a Skeena River quarry last July, was executed here today.

Saturday Is Always Special for the Children---Store Is Open Till 9:30

Olds, Wortman & King

It is approaching so nervously near Christmas that every advantage of early shopping should be taken. The little ones are on the qui vive; big ones too! Everybody is thinking, talking and dreaming of Christmas. This special advertisement for children, therefore, is apropos. Take them through the "Quality Store" and fail not to escort them to the Fourth Floor where Santa Claus has strewn the department with good things.

Here Are Practical, Sensible, Splendid Gifts for Children

Red Top Rubber Boots for Boys or Girls

You could not buy your boy or girl a Christmas gift that would be more thoroughly appreciated than a pair of Red Top Rubber Boots. See the big line we have on exhibition. These are decidedly new and cost no more than others.

Startling School Shoe Bargains

This is a special wet weather offering. Friend Maker School Shoes, in 7 styles, Dongola Kid, unusually durable, button or lace, medium or heavy soles. PRICES CANNOT BE EQUALED

Sizes 5 to 8...\$1.49 Sizes 11 1/2 to 2...\$2.19 Sizes 8 1/2 to 11...\$1.79 Sizes 2 1/2 to 7...\$2.69

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Santa Claus on Fourth Floor Saturday

A GREAT SPECIAL—Five Hundred Dozen 50-Cent Men's Half Hose—This entire stock of fancy silk lisle, in embroidered and lace effects, jacquard figures and stripes, on sale now at an unequalled price. Get a few pairs for yourself and also to give away for Christmas. Special for Saturday 23c. Hand Bags \$4.50 Value \$2.85

GENSUS PLANS OUT

Director Durand Tells of Details of Big Work.

POLITICS ENTIRELY BARRED

Energetic Men of Good Appearance Desired as Enumerators and Payment Made by Work Done.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—Director Durand, of the Census Bureau, today issued a statement defining the qualifications, duties and compensation of census enumerators. He states that one of the duties imposed upon the supervisors by the census act is the designation of suitable persons to be employed, with the consent of the Director of the Census, as enumerators within their respective districts. It is further provided that such persons shall be selected solely with a view to fitness and without reference to their political party affiliations. The statement says:

"The census act provides that the enumeration of population and agriculture shall begin on April 15, 1910, and that each enumerator shall complete the work required in his district within 30 days familiar with its territory and the general character of its people.

Active Men Wanted. "The census requires as enumerators active, energetic persons of good address. They must be thoroughly trustworthy, honest and of good habits. They must have at least ordinary education and be able to write plainly and with reasonable rapidity. In general, preference will be given to former enumerators if they are at present physically able to perform the duties of the position.

"Each person seeking appointment as census enumerator must make a written application to the supervisor of the district of which a resident, and said application must be made throughout in the handwriting of the applicant and must be indorsed by two representative business men of the community in which the applicant resides.

"All applicants for appointment as enumerators will be required to take an examination, to be prescribed by the Director of the Census, to determine their fitness for the work. This examination will be of a practical character, consisting chiefly or wholly of the filling out of a sample schedule of population from data furnished, and, in the case of enumerators whose work will be in rural districts, the filling out of a sample schedule of agriculture.

Ample Examples Given. "Each applicant is furnished with an illustrative example of the manner of filling the population schedule, and, in country districts, with a copy of the agricultural schedule to which, in the main, the work of the census enumerators is confined. These forms of schedules are furnished for the information of the applicant and should be studied and prepared for use in connection with the examination referred to in the preceding paragraph.

"It will be necessary for each enumerator, before entering upon his duties, to receive a commission, under the hand of the supervisor of the district to which he belongs, and to take and subscribe an oath of affirmation that he will faithfully discharge all the duties required of him under the law.

"The census act also provides that an enumerator, after accepting an appointment, before entering upon his duties, not on farms, is provided for all subdivisions where the Director of the Census shall deem such remuneration sufficient. In other subdivisions the Director may fix a mixed rate of not less than \$1 nor more than \$2 per day, in addition, an allowance



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