

MOTHER CHARY OF SELF-STELED SON

Mrs. Kimmel Still Doubtful of Strange Story Told by ex-Convict.

BOY THOUGHT LONG DEAD

Man Seeking to Call Her "Mother" Although Unlike Lad, She Declares, but Knowledge of Childhood Worries Her.

NILES, Mich., Sept. 21.—Still refusing to accept as her son the ex-convict who declares that he is George A. Kimmel, whom the mother believes died years ago, Mrs. Estella Kimmel was, nevertheless, greatly shaken today after a conference lasting more than an hour with the man. After carefully questioning him, the aged woman said she was still in as much doubt as ever.

How the man accounted for many early incidents in the life of her boy is puzzling Mrs. Kimmel, so she thought she declares that the newcomer's hands and facial expression are not only unlike, but radically different from those of her son.

Memory Poor in Details.
The fact that Kimmel had just secured his liberty after being confined for five years in the penitentiary at Auburn, N. Y., Mrs. Kimmel thinks, may account for his poor memory in other details.

"But," she added, "we cannot let that cover up all the defects in his claim that he is my son. I don't see the slightest resemblance, and while he remembers lots of things about Niles, still he is deficient in trying to recall exact details of the family history. His physical characteristics are all opposed to his claims. I am anxious to recognize him if he is my son, but I regard it as essential to protect myself against imposture."

Friends Against "Son."
People in Arkansas City, Kan., and St. Louis, where Mrs. Kimmel's son lived after leaving Niles, sent her telegrams today advising her not to accept "Kimmel" as her son.

Andrew J. Hunt, of Arkansas City, Kan., met today the man who says he is George Kimmel. After an interview of a half hour, Mr. Hunt declared positively that the man was not Kimmel.

Mr. Hunt had known Kimmel for years before the latter disappeared. Kimmel boarded at Hunt's home in Omaha for a year. In Arkansas City, Hunt and Kimmel were intimate friends.

"DEAD MAN" LEAVES TRAIL

Denver Man Says Mrs. Kimmel's "Son" Is Really G. K. Kimball.

DENVER, Sept. 21.—That George A. Kimmel, the "dead man" who is agitating Mrs. Kimmel, is really George K. Kimball, who disappeared in the woods, S. D. 13 years ago, is the opinion of Frank McLaughlin, of Denver. McLaughlin relates that he knew Kimball in Deadwood when the latter disappeared, and says that a short time later a body was received from Medicine Bow, Neb., where it had been identified by a dentist as that of George K. Kimball. The funeral was held, and McLaughlin says that Eben W. Smith, now representative from South Dakota, administered the estate, about \$5000 insurance going to the widow.

FEAR KILLS DOG FANCIER

Woman Bitten by Pet Declines When Friends' Warnings Are Read.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Worry over scores of letters, telling of the dangers of hydrophobia, is said to be the indirect cause of the death of Mrs. Gertrude Ross, breeder of many famous dogs, at a hospital yesterday, after she had been bitten by one of her blooded pets. She suffered no inconvenience, save as her injury became known she sent as her replies letters from friends, and some from persons unknown to her, begging her to submit to the doctor's treatment and detailing the horrors of the malady.

OLYMPIC SETBACK LONG

Liner Rammed by Cruiser to Be Laid Up Several Months.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 21.—The White Star liner Olympic, rammed yesterday by the British cruiser Hawk, today, assisted by six tugs, made her way back to the dock which she had left less than 24 hours before on a voyage to New York. The passengers, who had spent a comfortable night aboard, lined the rails.

Special trains were waiting for the first and second-class passengers, a majority of whom were going to London to await the sailing of other vessels on which the company had obtained accommodations for them. It is expected all of these will get away within 10 days. Repairs to the Olympic will be made at Belfast, and will require several months.

ARMY POST HAS NEW CHIEF

Lieutenant-Colonel Stevens Is Ordered to Fort Stevens.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Lieutenant Colonel Gustave W. Stevens is relieved from duty at Fort Casey, Wash., and ordered to Fort Stevens, Or., to assume command of that post and of the artillery district of the Columbia.

STEEL TRUST FACES CRISIS

United States Steel were subjected to severe attack in today's stock market because of the various rumors affecting the corporation. On sales aggregating \$73,999 shares, the common

REPEALERS AT ANNEXATION TALK

President Says We Have Land Enough Now Without Enlarging Borders.

Executive Declares Himself for Abolishing All Custom-Houses Along Border—Insurgents and Democrats Are Scored.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Sept. 21.—President Taft brought to a close his four-day swing through Michigan here tonight and headed for Westland. His last day in Michigan found the President speaking and visiting in Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

The Grand Rapids address was one of the President's best speeches on the tariff and his vetoes of the wool, cotton and farmers' free list bills in Battle Creek. He talked of reciprocity and the annexation bogey, and wound up the day there with a speech on peace and arbitration.

In every town visited there were the same large crowds eager to see the President, that he has encountered everywhere through the state. In Battle Creek, the President talked to the largest crowd so far on his trip.

The President's speech at Battle Creek was the first he made on reciprocity since the Canadian Parliament prorogued several months ago.

Annexation Talk Bosh.
"They say we want to annex Canada," he said, "but I have no intention of doing so. My experience in this Government has taught me that we have territory enough without enlarging our borders. I can say for one that the talk that the trade treaty was to facilitate annexation is bosh."

The President said he favored the abolition of all custom houses on the border line of Canada and wished that we had absolute free trade with the Dominion.

The President left tonight for Peoria, Ill., where he will pass tomorrow.

In his speech Mr. Taft said in part: "I am fully committed to the proposition that we ought not to have any revision of a schedule of the tariff without accurate information as to the operation and effect of the proposed changes. In this view I have had in the past the hearty support not only of the regular Republicans, but also, and even with more emphasis, those who call themselves Progressive Republicans."

"I also wish to point out that all Republicans of whatever shade are committed to the maintenance of our protected industries to the point of retaining an import tariff which shall equal the differences in the cost of production at home and abroad.

Except for the extra session called only to pass upon the reciprocity bill, the first time that the Sixty-second Congress could consider and pass upon tariff schedules would be in December, at that time its predecessor, by consent of both parties, had fixed as the proper time at which a full report should be made on the subject.

No Hearings Held.
"Although many of the Democrats had assisted in the support of the statutory Tariff Board bill and had advocated such a means of securing accurate information in respect to the probable operation of the proposed revision, the House at once began to make a record for political purposes by passing three tariff bills, the first of which the tariff board would have had to make a report not only upon wool but also upon cotton.

"If I could say anything I would willingly do so," said Chairman Gary, of the corporation's board. He declined to comment on the report that wages of steel employees would be reduced.

FATHER SHERMAN MAD

JESUIT PRIEST, SON OF GENERAL, COMMITTED TO ASYLUM.

Attempt to Commit Suicide Leads to Incarceration in California Hospital at Agnew.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—Father Thomas E. Sherman, son of General William T. Sherman, who was committed yesterday to the State Hospital for the Insane at Agnew, Cal., was known from coast to coast as a lecturer before Protestant audiences on the Catholic Church. He attempted suicide at the Jesuit novitiate at Los Gatos.

CHANDLER PAYS EXPENSES
Lawyer Says He Stood Bills in Suit Against Mrs. Eddy.

CONCORD, N. H., Sept. 21.—At today's hearing in the litigation over the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, William E. Chandler testified that he paid all the expenses of the case from Feb. 4, 1907, to Nov. 10, 1908. He said that the New York World, which began the investigation and which employed Mr. Chandler for a time, refused to engage in private litigation and paid none of the expenses after Feb. 4, 1907.

The famous "next friends" suit of 1907 was carried on by Mr. Chandler as counsel for George W. Glover, of Leach, S. D., and other heirs of Mrs. Eddy.

Questions today which Mr. Chandler said tended to disclose witnesses by whom and in what manner he hoped to prove his case in the present litigation, he declined to answer, and was upheld in his position.

WEST NOT "ENEMY'S COUNTRY"

No Credence Is Given Assertion of La Follette Press Bureau.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 21.—If Western Republicans in Congress are fairly representative of the constituencies that sent them there, no credence can be given the assertion of the La Follette press bureau that the President, after crossing the Mississippi River, will be in the "enemy's country." By "enemy's country" is meant states the nomination proposed to the re-nomination of President Taft.

Naturally, it might be inferred from the La Follette statement that the people of the West overwhelmingly demand the nomination of some other Republican than Taft in 1912. But do they? Not if you can judge by the character of their Republican Senators and Representatives in Congress.

There are 78 Republican Senators and Representatives in Congress from these Western States included in the President's itinerary. Of the 78, only 22 are insurgents who have declared their animosity toward the President or have refused to commit themselves with reference to the Presidency, while 46 are regulars, or insurgents who have refused to support La Follette and have announced their purpose to stand with the President.

State	Anti-Taft	Pro-Taft
California	1	1
Colorado	1	1
Idaho	1	1
Kansas	1	1
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	1	1
Nevada	1	1
Oregon	1	1
South Dakota	1	1
Utah	1	1
Washington	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1
Wyoming	1	1
Total	22	46

From the foregoing it appears that in four states only is a majority of the Congressional delegation opposed to the re-nomination of President Taft—Minnesota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin—but it would be a bold man who would venture the prediction that any one of those states will give the President a frosty reception. Even in Wisconsin, La Follette's state, elaborate plans have been made for the President's reception, and there is no reason to believe he will miss La Follette and any of his satellites in the throngs that will greet him.

It is an interesting thing to note that Oregon is the only Western State which has no Senator favoring the re-nomination of President Taft. In most of the Western States one Senator is favorable to Taft and one against him, while in five states both Senators are favorable to the President. In Oregon, however, one Senator, Chamberlain, a Democrat, is naturally anti-Taft, and his colleague, Senator Bourne, is a leader in the fight against the Taft Out of a delegation of four Oregon has a single Congressman favorable to Taft.

PRISON TRUSTIES GONE

TEAMSTERS LEAVE HORSES NEAR SALEM PENITENTIARY.

Both Escaped Men Serving Two-Year Terms—Five Convicts in Six Days Take French Leave.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—When Harry Baird and Walter Willard, two trusty teamsters, failed to make their appearance at the state prison last evening, it brought the total number of escapes from that institution since September 15 up to five, the other three being George Davis, Robert Owen and Max Hacker. Baird was serving a two-year term in the Penitentiary and had been paroled but had violated it and was returned to the institution and made a trusty. Willard was serving a two-year term for forgery, being sent up from Baker County. The two lately had been given a job driving the prison team, and late yesterday afternoon drove it a distance from the state prison, tied it to a fence and then fled. George Davis escaped Sunday. He was also a trusty and before he departed on the night of that day broke into the prison tailor shop and stole a suit of clothes and other wearing apparel, and then by means of a ladder scaled the prison wall unobserved by the guard. Owen was a trusty in the brickyard, and availed himself of an opportunity Monday and talked a way back to the state prison. Hacker was a trusty in the cattle yards and did the same thing on September 15.

RAILWAY VETERAN BURIED

Prominent Harriman Officials at Funeral of J. T. Walsh.

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Leading railroad men of the state attended the funeral here today of J. T. Walsh, superintendent of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad, who died Tuesday.

Among the prominent railroad men who were present were R. E. Field, superintendent of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad to succeed Mr. Walsh. Mr. Stevens is now superintendent of bridges and buildings and division engineer of the Corvallis & Eastern, and has been with the road 19 years. He has also been employed by the state recently as engineer in charge of the re-vent work being done along the Umatilla river near Pendleton at the grounds of the Eastern Oregon Insane Asylum.

MUTE PUPILS SEE RECITAL

Masonic Ceremony Translated at Corner Stone Laying.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The unusual spectacle of translating into the sign language for the benefit of the mute pupils, the beautiful and impressive ritualistic ceremony of the Master Masons at the laying of the cornerstone of the girls' dormitory, was witnessed today at the State School for the Deaf, when David S. Prescott, most worshipful grand master of the State of Washington, delivered the address in the character of the exercises, assisted by the grand lodge.

Into the cornerstones was placed copies of 1911, photographs of the great buildings, the official guide of the state for 1911 the names of the members of the grand lodge of Masons, photographs of the children, copies of the address, published by the pupils, and a number of other articles.

Mrs. W. S. Hunter, herself deaf, gave "America" in the sign language. Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent of the State School, translated the ceremony for the pupils. Representative Charles Beyerly, of Washington, was present.

TRAIN ROBBER GIVES UP

Fear He Would Be Shot by Seeker of \$10,000 Reward Leads to Act.

NEENAH, Wis., Sept. 21.—The local police took into custody today a stranger who says he is one of the trio who held up and robbed the Northern Pacific fast passenger train at Buffalo, N. D., several weeks ago. The sum of \$12,000 was stolen from the express car and the engineer was shot. A reward of \$10,000 was offered for the arrest of the trio.

The man says he is glad to be arrested as he was nearly crazed from fear that some one might shoot him in trying for the \$10,000 reward.

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