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Kidnaping Episodes

Famous Cases Resembling the Capture of Perdicaris.

A Sicilian Bandit's Rise-Attempt to Kidnap the Dauphin of France-The Sultan "Held Up."

In the kidnaping of Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Varley, his stepson, the western world has another splendid opportunity of learning how backward it is, says the New York Tribune. Despite all the boasts of occidental civilization, all its vaunts of having mas-



LEVELLED THEIR GUNS AT THE CHAUFFEUR.

tered the various arts, it has never reduced the industry of kidnaping to such scientific principles as has the oriental.

The easterner is willing to put capital into the business and conduct it much as a westerner would a commercial enterprise. He hires a big staff of rascals, captures a prince of blood or of wealth, or perchance a missionary, and waits for some prosperous nation to raise the price of a palace for a ransom. Indeed, kidnaping is too mean a word for the oriental. Call him rather by the title he has himself affected, "His Highness the Detainer."

The brigands of Morocco, like their cousins in eastern Europe, have waxed wealthy in many exploits closely resembling their last achievement. Idriss, the leader of the band who swooped down on Perdicaris in his castle home near Tangier and who hastened away with his American prisoner to the neighboring mountain fastnesses, has a long record. Some years ago he became so bold as to attempt to capture the sultan himself, and he stationed his men at a certain turn of the chief boulevard of Fez, where the ruler was wont to take evening tours in his newly imported automobile. All would have gone well had his retainers known more about gasoline engines. At the given signal they leaped into the roadway and leveled their guns at the chauffeur, who involuntarily brought the machine to a stop. But the engine still kept pounding away with an occasional spit and sputter till some calm, overcome with terror, shouted out: "He's got the devil locked up in there!"

Heading the brigands fled from what they actually believed was a "devil wagon."

Officials in Washington in studying the capture of Mr. Perdicaris came to the conclusion that the successful abduction of Miss Ellen M. Stone had an important bearing on the case. News travels slowly and minds come to tardy conclusions in the orient. Miss Stone and her friend, Mme. Tsilka, were carried off by Bulgarian brigands in the fall of 1901, and for six months the Christian world was kept in suspense. After capturing their two victims at Bansko the kidnapers hastened from Macedonia into Bulgaria, where, as Miss Stone told afterward, the whole population seemed in league with the conspirators. As long as they remained in the mountains of Guelette the captives seemed as much at ease as if in an invulnerable fortress.

The unwisdom of hurrying a Moslem kidnaper has been illustrated again and again and often tragically. As soon as Mr. Dickinson, the United States consul at Constantinople, learned where Miss Stone was secreted and Bulgarian troops were dispatched to slay the two women. Finally milder sentiments prevailed, and instead the prisoners were hurried away through a bitter snowstorm to a new rendezvous. In the piercing cold Mme. Tsilka, who had just become a mother, nearly perished.

Overhead, and cause the death of several English tourists in Greece not many years ago. While visiting the ancient battlefield of Marathon Lord Anconster, Mr. Vyner and several others

Britishers were held up and taken prisoners by brigands. Knowing the character of the men with whom they had to deal, the Greek government officials wanted to parley with them, learn what ransom they demanded and carry out the stipulations to the letter. The British minister at Athens, however, could not abide such a policy of procrastination and insisted that an army be at once dispatched to the front. As a consequence the heads of the Englishmen were promptly cut off.

For much the same reason, therefore, the sultan of Morocco, as soon as he was warned to do so by Russia, withdrew his soldiers from the territory where the brigands concealed Mr. Perdicaris.

Despite all the Italian government is doing to restore law and order in Sicily, there are many parts of that island in which the kidnaper has supreme sway, and by means of a grotesque ruse he will generally succeed in wresting a ransom from some rich landowner.

A Sicilian woman, for instance, who owns a large estate near Palermo, fell a victim to such a plot not long ago. She awoke in the middle of the night to hear some one calling her name. It was the voice of her husband, she thought, who had told her that morning he intended to stay overnight in town. In the belief that he had changed his mind and had returned home to find the outer door locked, she ventured down to the porch herself, where she was suddenly caught, snared and carried off. The husband promptly deposited \$20,000 in an urn in the garden, as the brigands had requested. Without molestation the kidnappers returned their captive.

Before Europe was convulsed with that series of social revolutions which ended in the establishment of the first French republic there was an era when kidnaping was as prevalent as is automobile today. A child of wealth was never permitted to leave the house unless under guard, like some miniature czar. Men and women were in equal danger, and if a husband failed to return at night the wife naturally concluded that he had been kidnapped. Conspirators were ever rubbing heads over plots to abduct princes, so that the ransom paid should make them independent of the vicissitudes of their profession for the rest of their lives.

It was in this uncertain epoch, in the year 1708, that an attempt was made to carry off the dauphin of France and to hold him for \$200,000 ransom. It was known that each night the heir to the French throne passed over the bridge of Servon on his way home from an after dinner drive. Some Huguenot refugees accordingly, who had become officers in the Dutch army, assembled secretly at Courtaul and from there, under cover of darkness, crept into the shadow of the bridge. Before long a state carriage came rumbling toward them, and in the dusk they thought they saw the royal arms and uniforms. In a trice they had stopped the coach, dragged out its occupant and had carried him off as fast as their horses could run toward Holland. They had hardly reached the boundary line, however, when they discovered that the man they had taken for their victim was only the Marquis de



SHE WAS SUDDENLY CAUGHT, GAGGED AND CARRIED OFF.

Berington, first secretary to the king. It seems that the dauphin had followed an hour later with no escorts and no guards.

An attempt which was made seven years later to kidnap the pretender to the crown of England proved abortive through the sagacity of a woman. Colonel Douglas, head of an Irish regiment in the French service, with three soldiers, went to the posthouse at Nonancourt with the purpose of holding up the pretender when he came riding past. But Mme. Lospital, the tavern mistress, suspecting that something wrong was likely to happen, decided that the soldiers could do less harm drunk than sober, and accordingly she attended to the wine casks herself. By the time the pretender came by the three soldiers lay outstretched on the floor of the cellar. Colonel Douglas was locked in his room.

HEROIC COMMANDERS

GENERALS OYAMA, KUROKI, NODZU, OKU AND NOGI.

The Five Men Who Commanded the Armies of Japan in Manchuria.

Field Marshal Oyama and his associates, Kuroki, Oku and Nodzu, in command of the three armies which converged upon the Russians at Liaoyang and forced them to leave the base they had fortified so strongly and stocked so well with supplies, are Japan's leading military geniuses in the present war.

Field Marshal Oyama, who is now sixty-three years of age, is of repulsive appearance. His face is deeply marked by smallpox, and he is short and squat. Yet his countenance, though repellent, has about it a certain fascination.

Just before the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war, Oyama had married a beautiful young woman of his country. The old Japanese code commanded that a Japanese woman, and especially a noble woman, must keep herself in seclusion, and duty was particularly urgent when her husband was absent in war. While Oyama was away on the battlefield stories came to him that his bride was disregarding the rules of the ancient code and bringing disgrace upon herself and the name of her husband. Oyama heard the stories and bore the taunts of his companions in silence. He would not leave the field of duty to administer discipline to his errant wife. When at last the rebellion had been crushed and the war was over he went home. His bride met him at the threshold of his home, prostrate upon the floor, according to Japanese cus-



GENERAL KUROKI AND HIS EVER PRESENT COAR.

tom. The victorious soldier bade her rise, and together they went within. She never came out again. What became of her only Oyama knows. However, in after years he married again, this time a countrywoman who had lived in America and graduated from Vassar college, and as customs have changed in Japan and the old code is no longer enforced the new wife comes and goes as she will, whether her lord is at home or fighting his country's foe.

The commander at Port Arthur, General Nogi, is made of the same stern stuff as Marshal Oyama. When he was starting for the war he heard of the death of his eldest son, who had been killed in one of the earlier engagements of the campaign. He showed no sign of emotion and would permit no mourning ceremonies by the family, saying that these should be deferred until he himself and his other son should fall in battle. That both would sacrifice themselves in the emperor's cause he took as matter of course.

General Kuroki has motives for fighting the Russians with all the strength and energy of his rugged nature beside those of devotion to his emperor. His father is said to have been a Pole who sought refuge in Japan from Russian oppression and married a Japanese woman. The exiled father instilled into his son a burning desire to avenge the wrongs of the Poles, and now he has his chance. General Kuroki is as fond of a cigar as General Grant was. It is rare indeed that he is seen without a cigar in his mouth. On the battlefield he shows the same indifference to danger and absolute command of himself that were characteristic of General Grant.

General Mighizuru Nodzu was sent by his government to America to visit the Centennial exhibition in 1876. He is the man who is said to have practically decided the result of the Russo-Japanese war in favor of his countrymen by his capture of Pingyang, the strongest place in Korea, defended by the pick of the modern drilled Chinese troops. After desperate fighting he took it in a single day.

General Oku, who commands the Second army, led his soldiers in the very famous charge on Nanshan hill last June. He won his first fame in the Russo-Japanese war and distinguished himself in the war with China.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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To reach the dazzling, satisfying heights of success too many men want to take the elevator.

A weather prophet has a way of loftily overlooking the guesses that he missed.

A mosquito has such a way of proving an alibi just at the spot where a man's hand comes down for the purpose of crushing it!

Any court that could give a man a divorce from work would have all of the business it could take care of.



APPEARANCES ARE DECEITFUL. A WOMAN IS NOT ALWAYS AS COOL AS SHE LOOKS.

Man is a creature of circumstances, but women are often the circumstances.

Cold in the icebox is worth two in the head.

A free lunch is one of the things that a man pays for indirectly at double rates.

A Wise Old Boy.

The man who writes in to the paper with knowledge is filled to the brim, and he is dead willing to share it in equal measure. That's the kind of man who knows that officials are crooked and that with corruption they seek, and it is his pleasure to show it in two or three columns a week.

He knows that the war's misadventure and how the election should go. And how the police should get it. To make automobiles go slow. He knows how to cut down the taxes and thus save a dollar or two. He knows how to doctor the tariff. And just what the council should do.

The man who writes in to the paper wants everything cut to his mold. And when things don't go to his liking his privilege then is to scold. He pen runs along like an engine. When he comes to a stop he says, "Because it's his job, sir, appointed. To keep the old earth running right."

Revels in Gore.

For bloody and senseless slaughter that would shame the most trust and knock the skillful padding out of a census report take the unconfirmed rumor. When two nations are at war with each other and the outposts are taking an occasional shot at the scenery to keep their guns from getting rusty the unconfirmed rumor steps in, and there is something doing from one end of the cable line to the other.

It goes forth before breakfast and lightly coils up 10,000 or 20,000, just as the humor seizes it, and that is only a starter on the day's work. It is just as easy for it to kill off a regiment as a company, and sometimes when it feels that the world's supply of shocks is running low will wipe out a division and never turn a hair or shed a tear.

But it has a beautiful system of economy, for it can use the same men over and over again, and they will not be one bit the worse for wear.

No nation that contemplates going to war should fail to stock up on unconfirmed rumors if it would use the latest and deadliest of weapons.

One Drawback.

He could write a book. Tense, to the point and bright. And could have but he couldn't think of anything to write.

Cheap Pleasure.

"He is thinking of buying an automobile."

"I didn't suppose he had that much money."

"It doesn't cost anything to think about it."

What's in a Name?

"He certainly was a humorist who first called a vessel without a regular run a tramp steamer."

"Where is the joke?"

"It lives on water."

A Double Favor.

"He uncle died and left him several millions."

"How kind of him?"

"To die or to leave the money?"

"Both."

The Difference.

The man who owes you money. You hunt for far and wide; The fellow whom you owe it to Turns up on every side.

May Be the Greater.

"Of two evils do you think a man should choose the lesser?"

"I can't say that I do. I am a great believer in matrimony."

Something Like It.

"Can you square the circle?"

"Not exactly, but I can get roundly square meal."

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Notice of Guardian.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 2nd day of September, 1904, by the County Court of Douglas County, State of Oregon, duly appointed as Executor in the estate of Julius Abram, deceased, late of said county. All persons having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same within six months from the date of this notice. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Published first 12th day of September, A. D. 1904.

CARL HOFFMANN, Executor of the estate of Julius Abram, deceased.

Louis Barrow, Atty. for Executor.

Notice of Publication.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned by order of the county court, made and entered in the journal of said court on Sept. 20, 1904, was appointed guardian of the person and estate of V. J. Bicy.

All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same within six months from the date of this notice. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 7th day of Sept. 1904.

I. R. SHAMROCK, guardian.

Notice for Publication.

U. S. Land Office, Roseburg, Oregon, July 20, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of the public lands in the States of California, Nevada, and Washington Territory," and extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892.

JOHN REDDIE, of Sulphur Springs, county of Douglas, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 226 for the purchase of the Lots 3, 4, 5, and 23 & 24, NW 1/4 of Section No. 6, Township 28 South of Range 7 West, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is for agricultural purposes, and is suitable for agricultural purposes, and to establish a claim before the Register and Receiver of this office of Roseburg, Oregon.

On Thursday, the 20th day of October, 1904, he names as witnesses: Warren Reilly, George Turner and Harry Stephens, of Roseburg, Oregon; and James H. Reddie, of Sulphur Springs, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the 20th day of October, 1904.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

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FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

Of Douglas County, Ore., for the Three Months Ending September 30, 1904.

SHERIFF'S STATEMENT.

Quarterly report of H. T. McCallen, Sheriff of Douglas County, Oregon, ending September 30, 1904:

	July	August	September	Total
Amount rec'd for Co. and state tax in cash.	\$837 58	\$893 08	\$2,316 75	\$3,947 41
" " special school " "	34 62	36 71	325 51	396 84
" " city " "	1 05	9 61	29 67	40 33
" " road " "		2 35	61 16	63 51
penalty and int. in cash.	67 74	66 77	147 80	282 31
	\$740 99	\$808 52	\$2,850 89	\$4,430 40

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Paid treasurer for state and Co. tax in cash.	\$837 58	\$893 08	\$2,316 75	\$3,947 41
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RECAPITULATION.

Amounts received for state and county tax in cash.	\$3,947 41
" " special school " "	396 84
" " city " "	40 33
" " road " "	63 51
penalty and interest in cash.	282 31
	\$4,430 40

By amounts paid treasurer for state and Co. tax in cash.	\$3,947 41
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" " city " "	40 33
" " road " "	63 51
penalty and interest in cash.	282 31
	\$4,430 40

State of Oregon, }
County of Douglas, }
I, H. T. McCallen, Sheriff of Douglas County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

H. T. McCALLEN,
Sheriff of Douglas County, State of Oregon.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Quarterly report of G. W. Dimmick, Treasurer of Douglas County, Oregon, beginning July 1, 1904, and ending Sept. 30, 1904:

July 1, balance on hand since last report.	\$35,813 82
Received for liquor licenses.	900 00
" " from assessor, 1904 poll tax.	220 00
" " county clerk fees.	1,077 40
" " premium on county warrants.	5 55
" " taxes from sheriff 1903.	3,647 41
Penalty, cost and interest.	282 31
	\$41,846 49

By amounts paid out on called warrants.	\$ 2,307 15
By interest on same.	320 18
By state tax.	2,359 88
Transferred to indigent soldiers' fund.	27 10
Transferred to common school fund.	11,392 00
Oct. 1, 1904, balance on hand.	25,439 38

Oct. 1, 1904, balance on hand.	\$41,846 49
	\$25,439 38

COMMON SCHOOL FUND.

July 1, 1904, balance on hand.	\$ 2,586 96
Received from state treasurer interest on school loans.	9,370 20
Received from fines.	10 00
Transferred from general county fund.	11,392 00
	\$23,359 16

By amount paid out on school Supt. orders.	\$ 661 20
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904.	22,697 96
	\$23,359 16

Oct. 1, 1904, balance on hand.	\$23,359 16
	\$22,697 96

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUND.

July 1, 1904, balance on hand last report.	\$ 2,290 46
Received since last report.	396 84
	\$ 2,687 30

By amounts paid out since last report on school clerk receipts and retiring school bonds.	\$ 1,750 94
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904.	936 36
	\$ 2,687 30

Oct. 1, 1904, balance on hand.	\$ 2,687 30
	\$ 936 36

SPECIAL CITY FUND.