

# A WEIRD STORY

## Missing Girl Tells Wonderful Tales.

## WILD EYED WOMAN

### Kidnaping Theory Not Believed, Although Viola Coiteun Says 'Tis True.

Viola Coiteun, the Mt. Tabor girl who claims that she was kidnaped and taken to Aurora by a wild-eyed and apparently purposeless woman, arrived in this city this morning at 10 o'clock, accompanied by her mother, who had gone to Aurora after her daughter.

Unless Viola's story should be true, which is most unlikely, this schoolgirl has an imagination which will some day make the best efforts of Jules Verne look like a snowball in a bake oven, while the tales Munchausen told will be left in the distance. The weird narrative which Viola tells, and sticks to, runs as follows:

"While on my way to school Tuesday morning, I stopped to pick a few autumn leaves for my teacher because she thinks they are pretty. When I started on a woman dressed in black, wearing a black hat, and having grey or blue eyes and grey hair told me that she was my real mamma, and that I must go with her. I told her I did not want to. Then she took a big pistol out of her dress and said she would kill me if I did not go with her. I was awfully scared but went, walking part of the time by her side. About noon she got mad over something and walked awfully fast. I could not keep up, but she kept on getting ahead of me. Then I ran into the brush for a long distance and got away from her but I did not know where I was. I came to a road and tried to go home, but I could not find the way. A man in a wagon asked me to ride and he took me to a town with big brown electric cars running on the street (Oregon City) and said to follow the road and I would get home. I walked until it began to get dark and I was very tired, so I put up my umbrella in front of a big house (probably near New Era) and stayed there all night. I knew the crazy woman and tramps would think my umbrella was a bush and go away. In the morning, I went inside the yard and asked the lady for some breakfast. She gave me some and told me how to get home. I tried to go as she told me, but I walked all day until I came here. I ate my lunch and apples when I got hungry."

No cross-examination will swerve Viola from her tale although every shred of obtainable evidence points to the cold and commonplace fact that the schoolgirl, who has a semi-mania for reading trashy novels, deliberately ran away.

## FARMERS AT WORK

### Seeding in Progress in the Walla Walla Valley.

WAITSBURG, Wash., Oct. 24.—The work of preparing summer fallow land for seeding is on in real earnest throughout the entire Walla Walla Valley. Owing to the lateness of the harvest season last summer there was no time to spare for attention to this work before and as a result there are more weeds to be found on plowed ground than ever before in the history of wheat cultivation in this district. In many instances the farmers are compelled to re-plant entirely and in other localities strong harrows are used to drag the weeds from their roots, and they have then to be raked together and burned. This will require more time than is usually the case and seeding will be a little late in consequence. Tumble weeds are the worst the farmers have to contend with, although sunflowers have been troublesome in some parts of the country. The latter were headed before ripe and thus were prevented from seeding the soil for another crop next year.

Russet thistle is another variety of grain field scourge that has secured a substantial start in the Prescott vicinity. This is particularly hard to kill out and there is a state law against permitting it to go to seed. This law has not been enforced here, but may be next year, as there is considerable complaint about the grain of the weed this season. There has been plenty of rain thus far to prepare the soil for fall plowing and sowing and there will be good crops next year, the farmer avers.

## MANY MAY QUIT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—As a result of the plasterers' strike here, as many as 75,000 men may go out if the builders attempt to employ non-union men to do the work which the strikers have abandoned. Building is at a standstill.

## STRIKE AVERTED.

CHICAGO, Oct. 25.—By compromising the matter of wages a strike was averted here yesterday. The cab and coupe drivers wanted increased pay and fewer hours.

## GIRLS ARE OUT.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Oct. 25.—Because they wanted shorter hours and more money a force of 125 girls quit the American Biscuit Company's factory here last night.

## BACK TO WORK.

READING, Pa., Oct. 25.—The iron and steel workers will return to their former places with the American Iron & Steel Company, the strike having been declared off.

## THIEVES TAKEN.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 25.—Trying to escape with trunks filled with stolen goods, Charles Clarke and a negro woman were arrested here last night on telegraphic instructions from Minneapolis.

## REDUCE THE ARMY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—President Roosevelt, as head of the United States Army, yesterday issued an order cutting the force to 55,989 men. This is the minimum, under the law.

## CAMPAIGN NOT ACTIVE

Senator Turner Says Washington Politics Are Quiet.

## REPUBLICANS BADLY DIVIDED

The Spokane Politician May Start Big Daily Paper in Seattle.

"How is the political campaign in the State of Washington, Senator?" "Apathetic."

Hon. George Turner, United States Senator from Spokane, is in the city on his way to Vancouver, where he is to deliver an address. In answer to a query regarding the progress of the campaign in the neighboring state he said:

"The Democrats of Washington will undoubtedly make very substantial gains at the next election. The lack of harmony in the Republican party is rapidly reaching the dimensions of a split, and this is natural enough. Internal dissensions must follow a long reign of power. There are not enough spoils to make all the Republicans happy."

DEMOCRATS PLEASED.

"My party is naturally pleased at the lack of interest which the Republicans have shown. It demonstrates for one thing that their issues are not live, and while McBride deserves great credit for forcing the railroad commission plank into the Republican platform against the wishes of his party, still the people know that the Democrats have always advocated it, and that a very large section of the Republicans are secretly opposed to it, and will surely use every effort to defeat or emasculate the measure."

"How about the report that you are going to start a big Democratic daily paper in Seattle?"

"I have talked the matter over," said Mr. Turner, "and am still debating it, but have come to no conclusion on it whatever. I may do it and then again I may not."

WESTON, OREGON.

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BIG NOME STORM.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 25.—Steamers arrived here from Nome report that a great storm raged along the Coast of Nome from October 11 to 14, three lives being lost. Several large steamships were forced to take shelter to prevent being wrecked.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Adam Gebel 21 to Katy Brethaur 18. Joseph E. Adcock 39 to Harriet C. Singer, 45. Opel Ovesen 27 to Sikka E. Sampson 21. Nicholas Monner 20 to Annie Robberding.

Notes and Personals.

Mrs. Frame Blair, of Mill Plain, is visiting relatives in this city.

Charles Burt, of Helena, Mont., is in the city visiting his sister.

George Ginty, of Portland, is in the city today on business.

A. B. Smith, of Spokane, is in the city for a few days.

G. A. Peaster, representing Wadhams & H. Van Atta, in this city.

J. J. Beeson, city clerk, who has been visiting at the home of Wm. Warren, at Rock Creek, returned this morning.

W. B. Campbell and wife, of Fifth Plains, are visiting with his sister, Mrs. H. Van Atta, in this city.

Sam Goodwin, who has been visiting

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Church Notes.

Pastor R. Yeatman will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow morning and evening. Morning service at 11 o'clock, topic: "The Constraining Motive in Christian Service." Evening service at 7:30 o'clock, topic: "Christ Jesus the Mediator Between God and Man." Bible school, 10 a. m.; Baptist Young People's Meeting, 6:30 p. m. Mr. Yeatman will conduct services at the Harney school on Sunday afternoon.

Services and welcome at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at the Presbyterian Church, J. B. Little, D. D., pastor. The fine "Old

Hotel Arrivals.

Columbia—Alex Watkins and wife, Vancouver; H. T. Findlay, Portland; T. M. Baker, St. Louis; F. V. Dingham, Portland; M. J. Davis, Portland; F. A. Bottelle and wife, Lewisville; James W. Cushman, Tacoma; W. A. Thorp, Seattle; W. G. Hanson, City; E. D. Tréjick, W. E. Mallory, Portland; S. R. Ferbach, E. L. Jarrah, Granite; John Miller, R. T. Cox, E. W. Paget, D. W. Taylor, Portland; C. C. Landon, Yacolt; M. M. Williams, LaCenter.

Riverview—M. S. Miller, City; W. B. Wolf, Portland; E. H. Smith, Ridgefield; P. Hertman, LaCenter; A. Adams, Lewisville; Mrs. Anderson, City; J. M. Supplington, Portland.

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C. F. W. Neeley, famous for his connection with the Cuban postal frauds, has announced his abandonment of a cherished plan to return to that island. He will reside in future at Munice, Ind.

## ANNUAL MEETING AFFECTS CONTRACTS

Progress Made by Baptist Church During Past Year.

The annual meeting of the First Baptist Church was held last evening, Pastor Blackburn presiding. The report of the clerk showed that 94 members had been added during the year; the present number of members is 764. Treasurer Kopf reported the receipts for all purposes amount to \$10,322, of which \$162.08 was for missions and charity. The various committees of the church reported good work done during the past year. During that time the pastor has preached 133 sermons, delivered 43 addresses, officiated at 26 weddings, attended 18 funerals and made 711 calls. Connected with the church are the following Sunday Schools: The Home School, John O. Malone, superintendent; Savier street, C. A. Lewis, superintendent; University Park, Walter O. Barnes, superintendent; the Chinese, W. L. Bartlett, superintendent, and Dixie, Cornelius Nelson, superintendent. Reports were given from all these showing a good degree of prosperity.

LURED INTO THE SLUMS.

Susie Bowman, a girl under the age of 15, was yesterday taken to the Boys' and Girls' Aid Home. She was taken from a vile resort in the North End, where she has been for the past three weeks. The girl is pretty and intelligent. During the hop picking season she met a number of young men near Butteville, who induced her to come to Portland and enter a life of shame. An effort will be made by the authorities to bring the ones responsible for her downfall to justice. One of them is said to be a man at Oregon City and the other is in Chehalis.

NORRIS DEAD

Author of "The Pit" Died From Operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—Frank Norris, the famous author, died today as the result of an operation for appendicitis. He had been ill but a short time. One of his stories, "The Pit," is at the present time being published in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post. Other noted works by him are: "The Octopus," "Blix," "A Man's Woman," and "A Mexican Story." He first came into prominence through a serial in the Cosmopolitan Magazine under the title of "Moran of the Lady Letty." He wrote a great deal about trusts and the grain market.

APPOINT COMMITTEES.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 25.—At the session of the Order of Friends the following evangelizing committees were appointed: Evangelical and Church Extension Work—Jesse Edwards and Louis P. Rounds, Oregon; Levi Gregory and Levi D. Barr, California. Legislation—Aaron M. Bray and Jesse Edwards, Oregon; Washington Hadley and William V. Coffin, California. Education—Edwin McGrew, Oregon; C. E. Tebbets, California. Disciplinary provisions—Jesse Edwards and Aaron M. Bray, Oregon; Washington Hadley and Levi Gregory, California. Board of Foreign Missions—Laura E. Minthorn and Emma W. Hall, Oregon; Mary Brown and Esther Smith, California.

TIMES HARD.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—In an address delivered before the Mohonk Lake Indian conference last night, Rev. Dr. Twombly, late of Hawaii, told of the conditions in those islands. "Times are hard," he said, "owing to the improper action of the Legislature."

HONORED BY POPE.

ROME, Oct. 25.—The Pope today granted an audience to Archbishop Riordan, of San Francisco. Following this ceremony Riordan joined the Irish Pilgrimage delegation of 500, who were officially presented to the Pope.

SCARED OUT.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 25.—Because they got scared and feared to go to the coast of Colombia, the captain and crew of an American filibustering schooner have landed on this island.

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## AFFECTS CONTRACTS

Judge Burnett Holds Hop Contracts to Be Mortgaged.

SALEM, Oct. 25.—Circuit Judge George H. Burnett this morning in deciding two cases brought to enforce hop contracts, held that both contracts were void on account of absence of mutuality and that the contracts will hold good only as chattel mortgages to secure the repayment of advances actually made. This decision, if upheld by the Supreme Court, will affect many hop contracts in Oregon.

## OVER THE WIRES.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Tom Horn, on trial for the murder of a 13-year-old boy at Cheyenne, Wyo., reached a verdict of guilty. The crime was committed for the purpose of frightening William Nickell, a stock king and father of the boy, from range coveted by men in whose employ Horn was. The guilty man is a famous scout and frontiersman.

Jay Cook, the noted financier, is suffering from an attack of congestion of the brain, at his home on Gibraltar Island.

A burglar, prowling about the residence of Harvey Lillie, at David City, Neb., last night, was surprised in the act and shot Mr. Lillie. The victim will die.

The jury in the case of Tom Cockrell, charged with the murder of Ben Hargis, yesterday declared the defendant not guilty, at Compton, Ky. The killing was the result of a feud.

Frank O'Conner, the defaulting sergeant of the United States Army band, stationed at Fort Riley, was yesterday arrested at Montreal, Canada.

At Marion, Ky., G. M. Sisco has been arrested on a charge of killing Nellie Williamson.

At the closing session of the missionary convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Cleveland, it was last evening announced that the sum of \$50,000 would be completed for mission work. Twelve thousand dollars was secured yesterday.

At an entertainment given to his retainers on his English estate yesterday Earl Cardigan scored the Irish who are creating scenes in the British Parliament.

In a political row in Porto Rico early yesterday two Republicans were shot, neither fatally.

Lady Henry Somerset has denied the published story that she alluded to the British nation as a race of drunkards.

In Argentina a tornado has completely devastated a small section about Port Diamant, killing 15 persons.

New York morning papers publish accounts of the sale under the hammer of the personal property of the famous Prima Donna Amalie Materna, in Austria.

The Crown Prince of Siam spent yesterday in visiting points of interest in New York city and vicinity.

Another telling point was scored for the defense in the Molinoux case before the New York courts yesterday when the woman who sold the silver bottle-holder that went with the package of poison, testified that the purchaser was not Molinoux.

Latest reports from the Gilbert Islands tell of the murder by natives of the wife and daughter of Hermann Wolfe, a German trader.

The German Reichstag yesterday voted a higher duty on imported horses than the one proposed in the government tariff bill.

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Jno. Clark to V. A. Hudson, lot 15, block 7, Sunnyside 1st add. \$350

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BIRTHS.

October 5.—To the wife of Daniel Harris Fremont, a girl.

DEATHS.

October 21.—Glinelcke Valent, aged 77, St. Vincent's Hospital; heart disease.

October 22.—Arthur J. Van Houten, aged 15, St. Vincent Sanitarium; scarlet fever.

October 23.—John Kules, aged 2, Peninsula avenue, near county road; tonsillitis.

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