

TO ABDUCT MORMON CHIEF.

Bandits Threaten to Hold Smith For \$100,000 Ransom.

Denver.—The threatened abduction of Joseph F. Smith, head of the Mormon church, in Salt Lake City, to the Jackson Hole country, in Wyoming, where a ransom of \$100,000 was to be demanded for his release by the three daylight robbers who held up 125 tourists in Yellowstone park on July 9, has caused the federal authorities here to adopt extraordinary measures for his safety.

News of the contemplated abduction first reached Roy O. Sampson of the department of justice and his assistant, J. W. Melrose, two months ago, but the matter later was dropped by the federal authorities.

The abduction, however, of E. A. Empey, a wealthy cattleman, from his ranch at Idaho Falls, Ida., presumably by the three Yellowstone park bandits, and his release upon the payment of a \$6,000 ransom caused the authorities to renew their interest in the matter.

According to reports received by the federal authorities, the abduction of Smith was to follow closely after the abduction of Empey.

WILL IN HIS SLIPPER.

Grandchild Cleaning House Found It Quite by Accident.

Hudsonville, Mich.—When Thomas H. Sestel, pioneer resident of Filmore township, died on May 30, there began a search for a will disposing of his estate, which is valued at upward of \$80,000.

A justice who drew up a will and the men who signed as witnesses testified to the existence of such a document, but a search failed to reveal the missing testament.

The estate was taken into probate court to be divided among the heirs according to their rights by birth.

As a probate judge was about to take this step one of the dead man's great granddaughters was busy aiding in giving the home of Mr. Sestel a thorough cleaning. She found an old pair of carpet slippers, frayed and torn. As she threw the slippers away a piece of paper fell out. It proved to be the missing will.

FORBIDS THE SALE OF LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS

Applies, Order Reads, to "Intrenched Camp of Paris."

Paris.—For many months the rule has obtained that no drink could be served in cafes or bars in Paris to soldiers in uniform, whatever their rank, before the hour of 5. In the early days it was not unusual to see colonels, and generals even, who forgetfully had seated themselves on the terrace of a cafe before the fateful hour gently moved on as undesirable customers.

General Gallieni has issued, it appears, a much more sweeping and stringent decree forbidding the sale of alcohol to any soldier at any hour of the day throughout the whole of the entrenched camp of Paris. The decree runs thus:

"General Gallieni feels that at an hour when the physical and moral energy of all soldiers should be at the highest intensity the struggle against alcoholism, which destroys both, must be carried out relentlessly.

"He therefore thinks it right to forbid in the entrenched camp of Paris the sale to soldiers and the purchase by them in cafes, bars, shops or houses of alcohol and alcoholic drinks—absinth, bitters, aperitifs, vermouths, liqueurs and all other alcoholic drinks not specifically named."

It is not quite clear whether wine and beer are to be included in the ban, but it is probable that they are not. The soldiers at the front, of course, have their wine ration, which was increased quite lately.

TURN HAMBURG SHIPS.

Compasses Affected by Lying For a Year Alongside Iron Pier.

New York.—Six Hamburg-American line steamers tied up at Thirty-third street, South Brooklyn, have been turned around by order of the marine superintendent to regulate their compasses, which had been affected by lying for a year alongside an iron pier. The hauling of the ships into the harbor and warping them back into their berths stern first created comment along the water front in South Brooklyn, with the usual dash to sea rumor.

Captain Jaeger, who has charge of the ships, said the magnetism from the iron pier had affected the compasses and caused the needles to deviate from the north.

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You are hereby notified that Thos. T. Miller who gives Nortons, Oregon, as his post-office address, did on July 12th, 1915, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry, Serial No. 03663 made October 15th, 1912, for SE 1-4, Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 8 West, Willamette, Meridian, and as grounds for this contest he alleges that said Steven E. French has wholly abandoned said land from the date of said entry to the present time; that said entryman never erected a house on said land and never at any time cultivated any portion thereof nor improved the same.

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