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PAYNE TARIFF BILL IS UP FOR DISCUSSION

THE KIDNAPING OF WHITLA BOY STIRS WHOLE UNITED STATES

KIDNAPING CASE AROUSES THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

ASHTABULA POLICE BY BUNGLING PREVENT DELIVERY OF BOY--HOPES ENTERTAINED OF HIS SPEEDY DELIVERY

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Sharon, Pa., March 22.—Though it is not admitted by the detectives or by the father of Willie Whitla, the kidnaped boy, it is practically certain that a third letter has been received today from the abductors, bearing a postmark showing that it was mailed at a point near Sharon. Members of the state constabulary, dressed in plain clothes, galloped across the line into Ohio today and made a house-to-house search for the

kidnapers in the vicinity of Warren, Niles and Girard.

Pontiac, Ill., March 22.—Pat Crowe, famous reformed kidnaper, left here today for Cleveland to assist in the search for Willie Whitla, son of Attorney James P. Whitla of Sharon, Pa.

Crowe is employed by the Scripps-McRae newspapers to help in the hunt for the kidnaped child. Crowe today said he believed that Willie

was safe and that the kidnapers will find the chase so hot that they will have to release him.

"I think something must have gone wrong with the plans of the kidnapers," said Crowe. "A kidnaping to be successful must be planned to the minutest detail. The easy time for them to get the ransom is passed. If kidnapers get a ransom they must get it quickly and the whole thing must be done swiftly."

"I do not believe the boy is ill any longer, and I am sure that the kidnapers are professionals of the shrewdest kind. It is shown that they are not novices by the fact that they ordered the father to advertise in several different papers of different cities that he was willing to pay the money."

"That they are professionals is also seen in the fact that they allowed the buggy to be found at Warren, O., which is only 14 miles away from Sharon, but it was not found until 12 hours after the abduction."

"I believe the men are hiding in Mahoning valley, and if they are not, they are in some suburb of Cleveland. Wherever they are they are going through a terrible strain and I believe they will be lynched if caught."

"I hate to think of the pangs of conscience I suffered during the Cudahy kidnaping, and I wouldn't have hurt that boy for all the world. My advice to these kidnapers is to return the boy at once, because even if they get the money it will be a curse to them."

Cleveland, March 22.—Before his departure for Sharon today, Detective Ward of Philadelphia gave out the following open letter to the kidnapers of Willie Whitla:

"The only unfortunate mistake in

your affair with Attorney Whitla was that it was not closed Saturday night to the satisfaction of both parties concerned."

"I give you my word that this is true. Attorney Whitla deposited the money in good faith just as directed. He waited five hours, while the money lay there on the cannon. He had done nothing to endanger you. It was only through an unfortunate blunder that the Ashtabula police tried to effect your capture."

"The letter you sent to the hotel was opened at the desk by persons without authority to do so. Mr. Whitla did his best. He acted honestly and will do so again. Try him."

(Signed) "G. S. WARD."

The kidnapers had instructed Mr. Whitla to leave the money in Flat Iron park in Ashtabula Saturday night and they agreed to deliver the boy to him in the Smith hotel at 3 o'clock the next morning. The Ashtabula police heard of the plans and went to the park, and their presence, no doubt, frightened the kidnapers.

Chicago, March 22.—John H. Drake, the reformer and president of a surgical instrument manufacturing concern, today offered to become a hostage for Willie Whitla, the kidnaped from Sharon, Pa.

He announced that he would become the prisoner of the kidnapers upon condition that the boy be returned safely and unharmed to his parents. He proposed to take \$10,000 in gold and go unarmed to any spot that might be designated by the kidnapers.

The proposition is based on the condition that the boy's relatives deposited in some bank \$10,000 to be paid to Drake when the boy is returned safely.

HOT AIR TANKS ALL LOADED IN WASHINGTON

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE ON THE FIRING LINE AND READY TO FIGHT ON THE PAYNE TARIFF BILL

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Washington, March 22.—The galleries of the house were crowded today with persons attracted by the announcement that the opening of general debate on the tariff bill would take place this afternoon.

It is expected that a notable oratorical contest will mark the debate on the various phases of the voluminous tariff measure.

There are Democrats who have been waiting several years for the opportunity that is now presented to them, and there are many Republicans who are equally as anxious to discuss the measure.

The motion by Representative Payne, of New York, introducer of the bill, providing that the house meet daily at 11 o'clock until otherwise ordered, was adopted.

Before the session today Champ Clark, the minority leader, announced that he had been willing to forgo the general debate on the tariff, but the Republicans had insisted upon a period of general debate.

In his address Payne declared that a great majority of the people favor

the protection of American industries. He said that when the McKinley bill passed there was too much revenue; that the Wilson bill was like a kaleidoscope, giving protection in spots and free trade in spots, with no well-balanced schedule and declared that the Dingley bill was the "primal cause of the wonderful growth of the industries of the United States."

He declared that the time is ripe and that the country needs a protective measure and a revenue-producer. He produced figures showing that, under the Dingley bill, the entire revenue from July 1, 1907, to March 16, 1909, was \$6,558,220,264; that the expenditures were \$6,483,664,856, not including the receipts or expenditures of the postoffice department. He said if the postal receipts were eliminated there would be shown a surplus of \$74,555,408, besides the \$50,000,000,000 spent on the Panama canal.

Payne declared that the postal deficit is the result of increased rural service, and he declared that modern conditions demand a maximum and minimum tariff.

Altogether, more sand was lost when the party crossed Mount Lowe.

With but little ballast left the danger of a landing, either in the mountains or after a long drop to the desert on the other side was greatly enhanced.

Wire communication on the desert is uncertain today on account of the storm, and this condition has added greatly to the difficulties that confront the rescue parties. Little hope is expressed that the aeronauts can be found, or effective search made for them until the blizzard abates.

MRS. FARMER WILL BE ELECTROCUTED

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Albany, N. Y., March 22.—Governor Hughes today declined to exercise executive clemency on behalf of Mrs. Mary Farmer, sentenced to death for the murder of Sarah Brennan, and nothing now stands in the way of her execution at Auburn on March 29.

Despite the awful crime which she committed, there are many who believe that the woman is insane, and who have worked, albeit in vain, to secure a commutation of her sentence.

"Let the woman die. I cannot interfere for mere sentimental reasons," declared Theodore Roosevelt, when as governor of New York, he was asked to save Martha Place, the murderer, from the death chair. She was executed at Sing Sing, the first and only woman electrocuted in the state. In effect Governor Hughes has followed the example of his predecessor.

The persons seeking at least an investigation into the sanity of the murderers were led by the Rev. Father Hickey of Watertown, N. Y., who sums up his fight for her life in the following words:

"Her offense was terrible. To admit that only strengthens my plea

to execute this woman for a deed which was made possible only because of an affected mind, is a terrible thing.

"It is a duty I owe to God, to my state and to motherhood, to save this woman's life, and I shall continue to do all in my power to prove that this woman ought to be saved from the chair."

In the hamlet of Brownville, near Watertown, James D. Farmer and his wife Mary lived in a cottage next to the home of Henry Brennan and his wife Sarah. The families were friendly and they went to the same church. The women often exchanged calls. The Brennans owned their own home; the Farmers were renters. April 23, 1908, the neighbors saw Mrs. Brennan enter the home of the Farmers. It was near midday. Mrs. Brennan sat down to chat. Mrs. Farmer, pretending to be about her housework, came up behind her guest and struck her with an axe. Then Mrs. Farmer confessed, she cut up the body and put the pieces in a trunk.

Within an hour James Farmer and his wife were moving their effects into the Brennan home. They told the neighbors that Mrs. Brennan had deeded the place to them. When Brennan came home from work in the paper mills that night, he found himself homeless. The Farmers told him his wife had deeded the property to them, and had run away with the money they had paid her. Brennan, thunderstruck, kept silent for some time. Then he went to look at the deed. Apparently it was properly recorded. But he discovered that it was a forgery, and that the veiled woman who had called on a notary to sign the deed was not his wife. This veiled woman later proved to be Mrs. James Farmer, who confessed to the murder. Her husband, James, was arrested with her, but he claims he did not know of the killing. However, he, too, is at Auburn awaiting the death penalty.

AERONAUTS GO UP--CAUGHT IN STORM FORGET TO COME DOWN

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—Lost in a blinding snowstorm, which has been raging in the Sierra Madre mountains, and over the Mojave desert for 36 hours, Captain A. E. Mueller, the famous aeronaut, and five companions, who ascended in the balloon "American" at Pasadena Saturday, are in great danger of death today.

No word as to the missing aeronauts has been received today, and the storm is raging with unabated fury, and the gravest fear that they will die from exposure or starvation is expressed. Rescue parties are being organized, and will scour the mountains and desert in the hope of finding the lost party.

Captain Mueller is accompanied by Lane C. Gilliam, a prominent young mining man, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash.; Richard Halstead, prominent society man of Pasadena; Sydney Cray, pigeon fancier of Pasadena; Harold Parker, a photographer of Los Angeles, and F. C. Dodschutz, a chauffeur, acting as assistant pilot on the balloon.

Members of the party are highly clad, and when they started carried but one small hamper of food, barely enough for one meal for the six men.

Reports were received here early this morning that the balloon had been sighted at Lancaster, a station on the desert. Later advices showed this report to be unfounded. Both Palmdale and Lancaster report that a heavy snowstorm, almost a blizzard, has been raging there for 36 hours, and that no balloon could possibly have been sighted, unless it

landed in the towns. Over seven inches of snow had fallen on the desert early today, and the storm showed no signs of abating.

Advices received from different stations in the mountains state that nothing has been seen of the balloon since it crossed Mount Lowe Saturday evening.

A fierce storm has been raging ever since, and more than four feet of snow has fallen on Mount Wilson up to an early hour this morning.

That the balloon has already made a landing is practically certain. Carrying six persons through the cold air of the storm-bound mountains, there is no chance that it could be afloat. Whether the aeronauts have landed in the mountain crags or dropped on the smooth surface of the desert their plight is equally serious.

Unless fortune favored them and brought them safely to earth near some habitation, the chances are against their finding their way out of their predicament without encountering danger from starvation and exposure. The mountains are wild, and the desert trackless in the best of weather; in a blizzard conditions are terrible.

Ill-fortune pursued the balloon from the start. Six passengers in the car precluded the possibility of carrying sufficient ballast to guarantee an easy landing. But 20 sacks of sand were carried, and six of these were sacrificed before the huge balloon cleared the city limits.

Seven more bags were lost when the balloon dropped rapidly from the 1000-foot altitude, after it had encountered a current of cold air above

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