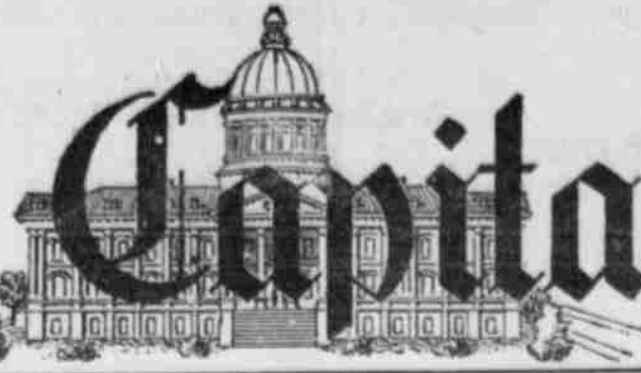


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THE WHITLA BOY IDENTIFIES HIS CAPTORS

THE HIGH SCHOOL GIVES A GREAT PRESENTATION OF THE MIKADO

AFTERMATH OF THE CASE OF THE WHITLA KIDNAPING

BOY IDENTIFIES PEOPLE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION AND FIENDS MAY WIND UP IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—Upon his arrival here today Billie Whitla, the Sharon boy, who was kidnaped, identified photographs of Helen Falkner and J. H. Boyle, suspects, as the man and woman who abducted him. The pictures were shown to him as he alighted from the train.

Sharon, Pa., March 24.—Billie Whitla, with his father, James P. Whitla, and his uncle, Frank Buhl, accompanied by Chief of Police Crain

left here this morning for Cleveland, where they will see the man and woman held there under suspicion of being the abductors of the Whitla boy. Billie unquestionably will be able to identify the kidnapers if they have been captured.

Cleveland, March 24.—The woman under arrest here on the charge of having abducted Billie Whitla of Sharon, Pa., gave her name today as Helen Falkner and the man who was

arrested with her gave his name as J. H. Boyle.

There is still considerable speculation as to the meaning of the woman's remarks last night. "There will be trouble for me and hell in Sharon."

Before her marriage Mrs. Whitla's name was Forkner, and the similarity of the names has caused considerable comment. The woman under arrest appears to have been well educated and probably comes from a good family. The police are inclined to believe that she is prominently known in Sharon and that the disclosure of her identity will bring forth a sensation.

The police today searched the Granger apartments, where the man and woman lived, and reported that in every detail it fits the description given by Billie of the place where he was held prisoner.

Candy containing chloroform was found in the apartment and the police believe that this was given to Billie before he was returned to Attorney Whitla Monday night. When the lad entered the hotel he was dazed and clearly under the effect of a drug. This expedient is supposed to have been employed so that he could not tell the route by which he was taken to the hotel or give any information until the kidnapers had a chance to escape.

A woman living in the Granger apartments says that she saw a man enter the place Friday evening leading a boy about eight years old.

It is known by the police that Billie was brought to Cleveland Friday evening. William Meers, manager of the Granger apartments, said today that the man and woman engaged the apartment March 13. He knew little about them and had not observed them closely.

As soon as Attorney Whitla arrives here this afternoon a comparison of the numbers on the currency found concealed in the woman's dress will be compared with the numbers recorded by him when he took the money to pay the kidnapers. The woman had \$999 in her possession and most of the bills were in the original packages as taken from the bank.

GRANT GETS CRAZY; SHOOT HIS WIFE

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, March 24.—Thomas W. Grant, a retired expert accountant 55 years old, living at 737 Baker street, while delirious from sickness, fired three shots at his wife today. Two bullets took effect, one of them entering the abdomen and the other the right hip. Her condition is serious. Mrs. Grant, who is a teacher at the Fremont school, was getting breakfast and had called her husband to have a cup of coffee. Suddenly he fired and the woman ran screaming out of the front door into an adjoining apartment.

It is stated that Mr. and Mrs. Grant have had no domestic trouble and seemed to be living happily together. They were preparing to move when he became sick about a week ago. He has been delirious most of the time since.

Grant was taken to the Central police station. Detectives from the police department are investigating the affair.

GERMANY BUILDS BIG WARSHIPS

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Berlin, March 24.—In a scene of unprecedented enthusiasm today, the reichstag, without debate, voted in favor of the entire naval estimate, which includes the construction of three war vessels of the Dreadnaught type and one of the Invincible type. vociferous applause came from members and galleries as each item was adopted unanimously.

NAVY MAN WANTS A BIGGER NAVY

[United Press Leased Wire.]
Tacoma, Wash., March 24.—"You ought to have three naval stations, one in Puget Sound, at Bremerton, if that is suitable; one at Mare Island, or some other place in the vicinity of San Francisco, and another at San Diego, or some other point in that locality, and then a fleet of 24 battleships for the Pacific coast." This is the statement made today by Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, who is a guest of this city.

"Get them, you are bound to get them. What could stand against the great West, this empire of the coast, if it goes after them. The whole navy is for it, but of course, we do not count in that. But let the people demand it. Let the naval leagues be formed and the congressmen and senators from the West demand it, and they will get it. If the people act these things come. I believe in doing things and then talking about it afterwards."

The statement is typical of the admiral.

"Fighting Bob" was greeted by committees from the Shriners and commercial organizations at the Tacoma Hotel this morning, and this afternoon was given a tour over the city in an automobile. He returned to the hotel for a sleep, and this evening will speak at the Tacoma theater.

Admiral Evans and party will be in Tacoma until tomorrow afternoon. He will leave at 2:40 tomorrow for Bellingham.

SALEM WILL HAVE BIG HORSE SHOW

Saturday, April 3d will see one of the finest horse shows ever held in the Northwest, as the committees handling that matter has been doing splendid work during the past week, and a fine program is being arranged. The classification of horses are as follows: Thoroughbreds, standard bred, German Coach, French Coach, Cleveland Bays, Clydesdales, Percherons, Hackneys, Morgans, Belgians, Shires, ponies, and last, but not least, the faithful mule. Other classifications are the best stallion 1, 2 and 3 years old, the best mare of 1, 2 and 3 years old, the best stallion and get, the best mare and produce, farmers' draft teams, four-in-hand teams, grade drafts, grade teams, roadsters and saddlers.

There will be premiums amounting to \$1000 hung up, along with a ladies' driving and riding contest.

Hotel Arrivals Today.

- Grants Pass—H. J. Phelps, R. E. Phelps.
- Roseburg—C. Fullerton, A. B. Booth.
- Shaniko—B. A. Arthur, Henry Poland.
- Corvallis, R. S. Hughes.
- Coquille—A. S. Hammens, G. G. Burkhardt.
- Portland—B. R. Charles and wife, Wm. Davidson and wife, F. F. Toews, A. H. Johnson, Webb Campbell, Frederick St. Helens and daughter, Pearl, Harvey A. Cooley, Home; Pesbles and wife.
- Oregon City—Samuel Cooper, Mrs. W. W. Atherton.
- Oakland, Ore.—Thomas Patterson, William Wolf, Enos McCarthy and wife.
- Astoria—R. H. McAllister, F. Smith, Robert G. Starkey, C. D. Dunigan.
- Seattle—J. J. Morgan, Arthur Wheelright, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Hunt.
- Bay City—Frank Butts, Mrs. G. B. Watson, John B. Cherry, P. Langdonfields.
- La Grande, Ore.—A. Maddison and family, Will M. Burgis.
- Hogwain, Wash.—Al Teeters and wife, Zaddock J. Lafferty.

SALEM GIRLS AND SALEM BOYS SHOW JAPANESE IDEA

A PACKED HOUSE SHOWS APPRECIATION OF THE SPLENDID WORK OF THE SALEM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Mikado has been here for two evenings. He brought with him his officers, his son, his court, and the scent of plum blossoms and the customs and characteristics of the orient. It might not appeal to a Jap, because he would find so many things crude. It might not appeal to him because Yum-Yum and the other girls have not that heavenly slant to their eyes which the orient thinks necessary, but which marks the line of delineation over which he cannot pass. There were innumerable pretty girls, but they were strong-souled delicious American girls and that is why

we appreciated their drifting over, temporarily, to illustrate Japanese life; that would be intolerable if they had to live it.

The high school boys and girls who presented the play made it so real that The Journal reporter wanted to get up behind that fan and do some of the kissing himself. Yum-Yum, that's the verdict.

It hardly seems possible that the youngsters who have gotten away from us can so stir us to think of the literature we have neglected. It might be anything, but when the cream of our little American girls get on the stage to represent the girls of the orient—well, it's Oregon for us.

MRS. LORD FINED FOR USING JAP STEAMER

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, March 24.—Because of her desire to attend the inauguration of President Taft, Mrs. E. J. Lord of Honolulu boarded a Japanese vessel to enter the United States from Hawaii and thereby broke a law, entailing a \$200 fine. Recently Mrs. Lord asked to have the fine remitted under the plea that she was ordered by her physician to board the vessel because of its size and comfort. Today Mrs. Lord learned that the fine will not be remitted.

Mrs. Lord appealed from the decision of Collector the Port Stratton to the department of commerce and labor. Assistant Secretary Wheeler sent the following letter to Stratton in reply:

"The department has received your letter of the 9th inst. transmitting the application of Mrs. E. J. Lord for relief from the penalty of \$200 incurred in the case of the Japanese steamer Tenyo Maru for violation of section two of the act of February 17, 1898, in that she was carried as a passenger on the said vessel from Honolulu. The applicant submitted an affidavit to the effect that being in poor health her physician advised her to take passage on the Tenyo Maru because of its being a larger vessel than the American steamship Alameda, which left Honolulu about the same time. It appears that the applicant originally took passage on the Alameda, due to arrive at your port on February 16, the purpose of her trip being to attend the inauguration in Washington on March 4. Both the Alameda and the Tenyo Maru entered your port on the 16th ult. You recommend that the fine be not remitted. In the opinion of the department the facts submitted do not warrant its intervention in this case."

SNOW AND STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

[United Press Leased Wire.]
San Francisco, March 24.—A heavy storm is sweeping through Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming this morning. All telegraph lines are crippled and communication for several hours this

morning was almost entirely destroyed.

Denver is isolated and no wire message can reach Colorado points. The snow is reported to be unprecedented in some parts of Wyoming and the storm is said to be one of the most severe of the winter throughout Colorado. The loss to stock in Nebraska and Wyoming is heavy.

SALEM BOOSTER MEETING SLATED FOR FRIDAY

The biggest booster meeting of the season is to be pulled off Friday night in this city, when the Board of Trade will entertain the boosters from other towns and serve refreshments free and a program of booster talk that has never been equaled in Oregon. Tom Richardson and C. C. Chapman, of Portland; Eugene Hart, of Eugene; Eugene Lowndale, of the apple king; McMurray, of the Harriman lines; Mayor Rodgers and Tom Kay are on the program for their best efforts, and there will be something doing every minute. Invitations will be out to members of the Board of Trade only, and no effort will be made to raise funds.

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