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ON THE TRAIL OF KIDNAPPERS

Evidence That Crowe is Guilty of the Abduction of Young Cudahy.

Lantern Used For Signalling and the Kidnapper's Horse Found.

ARRESTS EXPECTED AT AN EARLY HOUR

BELIEVED THAT MOST OF THE GOLD PAID IN RANSOM WAS BURIED—CROWE'S CONFEDERATE PROBABLY AN ORDINARY THIEF.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—If Pat Crowe is not guilty of abducting Cudahy's son he had better communicate with the Omaha police before tomorrow night or an enormous reward will be offered for him dead or alive. The boy's father had announced this, inasmuch as he is rapidly being convinced that Crowe is guilty.

A photograph of Crowe has been fully identified as one of the men who rented a house from a man named Patrick a month ago and by others from whom he rented the house in which young Cudahy was detained.

It seems the sheriff drove the thieves from the house they rented from Patrick because of their suspicious actions, and they subsequently rented the house in which young Cudahy was detained. The police say within the next few hours arrests will be made.

The lantern by which the thieves signalled Cudahy to the place appointed for turning over the ransom was found today and also the horse which the kidnappers used. The horse was found at Pacific Junction, just across the river from Plattsmouth, Neb. Everything points to the fact that Crowe made his escape in that direction. It is believed that Crowe left on a train from Plattsmouth.

The police believe Crowe's confederate was an ordinary thief, and they expect to get him shortly. They also believe most of the gold has been buried.

PROBABLE ABDUCTION OF A YOUNG WOMAN.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 24.—Maggie Hoel has been missing since about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon and it is feared that she has been murdered. The girl, who was about 18 years of age, lived with her sister, Mrs. Charles Beatty in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city. On Sunday Mrs. Beatty left Maggie in charge of her little child at her home. Upon her return two hours later, her sister was gone and the baby was alone in the house.

Indications about the premises led to the immediate suspicion that the girl had been taken from her home by force. There was evidence of a struggle and in the yard were found the footprints of a man, evidently of large size and weight. The footprints led to the direction of the Arkansas river and at some places along the trail appeared the prints of smaller shoes such as Maggie Hoel wore. At other places the trail indicated that the girl was dragged or carried along by her captors.

Near the river bank, where the ground is harder, all traces were lost. A large number of men have been searching but the girl has not yet been found. At Mrs. Beatty's home, Maggie's hat and the wrap which she ordinarily wore out of doors were found undisturbed.

In the immediate vicinity a large force of men have been working on reservoirs now under construction.

ANOTHER BOY KIDNAPPED BUT WEATHER SAVED HIM

Kalamazoo, Dec. 24.—Hobart Clayberg, a 17-year-old boy whose father, John B. Clayberg, is a prominent citi-

zen of Helena, Mont., was kidnapped in this city last night by two men. The boy was blindfolded and compelled to walk to Mattewan, a distance of eleven miles, it became so stormy that the kidnappers released young Clayberg at Mattewan after robbing him of the small sum of money he had in his possession. The boy telegraphed here for help and was brought home during the night.

EARTHQUAKE IN CUBA.

Santiago, Dec. 24.—A severe earthquake shock at noon today caused a panic in the poorer quarters, where the people fled, fearing the houses would fall on them. The walls of a few buildings cracked.

WILL NOT GRANT REQUEST OF GERMAN SUBJECTS

Our Government Will Not Pay Cuban Damage Claims to Foreigners.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Germany has raised a question of the liability of the United States for damage done to German interests in Cuba prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, the issue being raised by filing claims of German subjects in Cuba for such damages. The government will not undertake to pay claims for foreign subjects growing out of the insurrection and subsequent war in Cuba, and Germany will be so informed.

POPE CLOSES HOLY DOOR.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope today performed the ceremony of closing the holy doors of St. Peter's cathedral with the forms usual to the great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

INDIAN OUTBREAK FEARED.

Sitka Alaska in a Condition of Suppressed Excitement

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—Advice from Sitka state that town is in a condition of suppressed excitement, fearing an outbreak of Indians. The United States marines stationed there are under arms and the marshal and deputies are taking every precaution to protect the whites in case of trouble. The aspect of affairs is very serious at Sitka, as the Indians are by far the strongest numerically. There are fifty-five marines, commanded by Captain Pendleton, at Sitka.

WORLD'S RECORD BROKEN.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—John Nelson, of Boston, defeated Harding Downing, of San Jose, in a five mile motorpaced race at the Velodrome in 8:01 2-5, breaking the World's record.

CHRISTMAS EVE NOISES

Horn Blowers in Lively Measure For an Hour

There was evidence on the streets last night—especially on Patton avenue and South Main—that many people delayed their Christmas buying till the last moment. All stores selling Christmas goods were open and filled with customers, and among the bundle carrying crowd on the streets the tin horn blasters mingled and tooted, regardless of frowns, and on the public square and North Main street the firecrackers added their noise to the screaming horns. The horn blowers as the night advanced joined in squads and tooted up and down the crowded streets with their sixteen horns, marching in twos. There were all colors and ages among the noise producers. Six negro girls going home together through Patton avenue, tooted with her bundle of purchases, tooted their way through the crowd. One man led a band of screechers with a cornet. On the streets just converging from the public square from 9 o'clock till 10, it was the noisiest, rollickingest Christmas evening ever known in Asheville.

Xmas is for little folks. Buy the baby a go cart from Mrs. L. A. Johnson. A new and handsome line just received.

Stirring times may be expected, now that the plumb-pudding season is at hand.

An ancient philosopher once said: "There are only two good men; one of them is dead and the other is not yet born."

THE TREATY SENT TO ENGLAND

No Protests Against Amendments From Nicaragua Or Cosa Rica.

IN SIGNING NOTE TO CHINA CON- GER SUBMITTED A WRITTEN EX- PLANATION OF OUR ATTITUDE.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Sealed dispatch bags which went from the state department and British embassy today contained copies of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as amended, addressed respectively to Ambassador Choate and the British foreign office. They will go to England by Tuesday's steamer.

According to the Nicaraguan minister his government and that of Costa Rica will not make any protests to the state department against the senate amendments or make any representations on the subject whatever until negotiations on the subject have been reopened with them. There is no truth in the statement that protests from Costa Rica and Nicaragua have been made, and no warrant for statements that the Davis amendments is objectionable to them.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Minister Conger, at Peking, announcing that he has signed the agreement reported by the foreigners, but did so with a written explanatory statement setting forth the exact position of his government. The text of the statement is not forwarded but it is understood to be based upon the last instructions received from the department which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrangement that could be made at this time. It is believed that the United States also while sanctioning the provisions of the agreement relative to the maintenance of permanent lines of communication, legation guards and prohibition of the importation of arms into China, indicates clearly that constitutional reasons prevent the executive from making any pledge to take part in the execution of these plans.

The signature of the agreement by the ministers closes what is regarded here as the first, the most important and the most difficult phase of the negotiations as to China, for it is not doubted that the Chinese envoys will subscribe to the agreement, without amendment. Its conclusion has been marked by one of the most curious mistakes in the history of international exchange, for by a cipher error, the majorities of the last signatories found to their amazement that they had contracted to do exactly what they did not intend, and moreover, the error was irretrievable.

THE SLAYER OF MORRIS.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Samuel McDonald, the treasury clerk who shot and killed Frank H. Morris, auditor of the war department Saturday and then attempted to suicide, was reported to be some better this morning. Last night he had a sinking spell and it was thought at the hospital that he could not survive until morning.

BRYAN TO ANSWER CLEVELAND

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Chronicle says: "William J. Bryan will answer Cleveland's criticism of the democratic party at the annual banquet of the Bryan league of Chicago on the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, January 8. The affair will take place at the Sherman house. "It will be Bryan's first public speech since his second defeat for the presidency.

WORK OF TRAIN WRECKERS.

Passenger Train Thrown From the Track Near Rome, Georgia.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 24.—A passenger train on the Chattanooga, Rome & Southern railway was wrecked by an unknown miscreant at Miller's station early last evening. The train employees were injured and the passengers badly shaken up, but nobody was fatally hurt. The wreck occurred one and one-half miles below Rome. The North bound passenger train between Carleton and Rome was here at 4 o'clock, was running at full speed through Miller's station when the train suddenly took the side track and crashed into a dozen box cars. The engine of one passenger train was almost totally demolished. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping, although the fireman received several internal injuries. Several of the passengers were thrown from their seats and bruised but nobody was fatally injured. It was ascertained this morning that the switch lock had been broken and the switch purposely turned.

The matter will be investigated by the county authorities and the railroad people at once.

DISCOVERING OF AN ISLAND.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Berlin says that Capt. Saxgaard, a Norwegian, has discovered and named after himself a hitherto unknown island in the Pacific ocean, lying in latitude 24 north and longitude 135, 30 east, between the Philippines and the Caroline groups. It is stated that an American gunboat has annexed the island, which seems to be richly wooded and very fertile.

DISASTROUS GALES IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 24.—The gales which swept over England were very disastrous to fishermen in the Shetland Islands. It is known that 25 were drowned and many boats lost.

BOERS WATCH RAILROAD BRIDGE

RACES AT RIVERSIDE.

Fine Program of Sport For This Afternoon

There will be plenty of sport in the racing line at Riverside park this afternoon. The track has been put in excellent condition. There will be music by Douthwaite's orchestra. The program will open with the "Christmas Handicap" for trotters in harnesshorses which have won on this track to go in high four-wheeled vehicles, others in any kind of vehicle. The prize is a piece of silver valued at \$25. The race will be run in half mile heats, best 3 in 5. The entries are: Pet. R. G. Hunt; Lady Margaret, Patten & Stikethorpe; Lady Jane, A. F. Parker; Annie D., C. Millard; Queen Victoria, J. H. Dunlap. The second race will be for named ponies; that is for the ponies named. This race will be run in three-eighths mile heats, best 3 in 5. The prize is silver valued at \$20. The entries are: Lex, B. E. Curtis; Jack, Mr. Fitzgerald; Indian Jim, F. A. Mears. The principal event on the card will come next, this being the "Battery Park Hotel stake," running, this prize, which is a cash purse of \$40, being donated by Proprietor McKissick. The purse is divided thus, \$25 to first, \$10 to second and \$5 to third. The race will be run in half mile heats, best 2 in 3, at catch weights. The entries are: Fischer, J. M. Lorick; Daisy, A. E. Parker; Black Beauty, Caney Brown; Fox, Capt. Price.

BIG FIRE AT JOLIET.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Fox Pressed Steel Car Works, one of the largest industries in Joliet, was nearly destroyed by fire this morning. The plant contained much valuable material which more or less damaged. The loss will reach many thousands of dollars. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

A woman's happiness may depend upon the offer of marriage she refuses.

If a man would live in absolute peace he should be blind, deaf and dumb.

GEN. KITCHENER IS AT DEAR

Where He Has Taken Measures to Crush the Boer Invasion.

Cape Town Despatches Fully Confirm the Gloomy Reports From Cape Colony.

MUCH ANXIETY IN ENGLISH MILITARY CIRCLES

BOERS ACTIVE BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG AND PRETORIA—DUTCH COLONISTS HAVE SUPPLIES OF DYNAMITE.

London, Dec. 25.—The only important news from South Africa is the arrival of Kitchener at Dearr, where it is said he has taken measures to crush the Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The Daily Mail says further reliable information has reached London from Cape Town fully confirming the bad condition of affairs. The invaders are still receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railroad communication between Cape Town and the north is almost entirely severed, partly by the Boers, partly by washouts, and partly by the Dutch colonists.

The paper adds there is considerable anxiety in Military Circles at Cape Town. A despatch to the Mail from Pietermaritzburg says a force from Heidelberg has destroyed 37 farms, sweeping off all the live stock.

London, Dec. 24.—Advice from South Africa say: The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday afternoon (Sunday). It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railroad bridge sixty feet long about twelve miles south of Deaar and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been discovered in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers and as boasting that the whole district of Victoria west will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Soulpam's drift is not a body of Boers, but one of colonialists, hastening to join the invaders.

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

The Gazette has received a handsome calendar from Muskin-Robinson Company.

The head should be educated to think, the heart to feel and the body to act.

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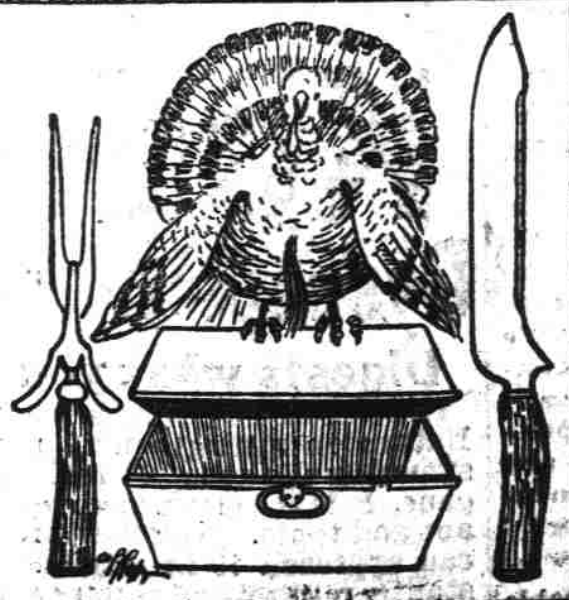
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