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SCHEME THAT WORKED.

Kidnappers Get \$25,000 for Return of Mr. Cudahy's Son.

A press dispatch of the 19th says:

Edward Cudahy, Jr., a boy 15 years old and son of a wealthy meat packer of Omaha, was kidnapped Tuesday night. He had gone out on an errand and not returning in time his father put detectives and policemen on the hunt. The business of the packing house was suspended and the force nearly all turned out to search. About 9 o'clock Wednesday morning a man riding very fast past the house threw a letter into the yard, which read as follows:

"Mr. Cudahy:—Your son is safe. We have him and will take good care of him, and will return him to you in consideration of \$25,000. We mean business.—Jack."

The father was so much distressed that he felt inclined to give the amount without asking questions. The note gave directions about placing the money for which the boy would be delivered, but this part of the letter was not published. The police and detectives went to work on the case.

An Omaha dispatch appearing this (Friday) morning announces that the scheme was a complete success. After consultation with the police and others Mr. Cudahy concluded to comply with the terms and secure his son. He sent to the bank and drew out \$25,000 in gold, got into a buggy with a red light attached to the dash board and drove to a lonely place some five miles from the city where he found a lantern on a stake. He placed the money near it and drove home. He saw no one. At 1 o'clock a. m., Thursday the boy rang the door bell and was received into his home. The policeman that had been stationed to watch for the parties returning the boy were withdrawn through fear that they would be seen and the boy would not be returned.

The boy tells the story of his arrest by two men as he was returning home Tuesday night on a charge that he was an escapee from the reformatory. He was put into a close carriage and blindfolded and taken away to a place he did not recognize. He says there were six masked men and from what he overheard he was impressed that the parties had been trying to kidnap his sister.

There is no good clue for the detectives, but they are at work and the father offers \$25,000 reward for their capture.

Study time backward, year by year, and there would remain few infidels.—Ex.

SENATE TAKES THE VOTE.

Hay-Poncefote Treaty Adopted With Amendments—No Fortifications, No Attacks on it, No Using it for Strategic Advantage.

The Hay-Poncefote treaty with some amendments was ratified by the United States Senate Thursday evening. As we catch its meaning it provides that the United States as a government or a joint stock company of capitalists thereof may construct, control and regulate all affairs connected with the canal but it shall be equally available for all nations without discrimination both in time of war and of peace. It is not to be fortified save that the United States shall erect such equipments as are necessary to construct and protect it from lawlessness and disorder. It shall forever be immune from attacks in time of war and it must not be used in any way as a vantage point by any belligerent in time of war. The protected limits reach three marine miles from the land and no belligerent shall remain within its limits for more than 24 hours save when accident renders it impossible to depart. Then such belligerent must depart at the earliest period and in case another belligerent arrives it shall not depart within less than 24 hours after the departure of the former.

There is a proviso that these conditions "shall not apply to measures which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing by its own forces the defence of the United States and the maintenance of public order."

We are not sure what is intended by the above and this may be the part that may not be accepted by the English government. If England accepts the treaty as amended this great diplomatic problem will have been solved.

Narrow Escape From Burning.

Lawrence, the little 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fryling, narrowly escaped death by flame this (Friday) morning. He was near the fire and his clothes caught and were burning freely when his mother came to the rescue, fighting the flames frantically. She saved the boy who was only slightly burned about the chin, but she herself had both hands burned, one quite severely, blistering away much of the skin.

Special Rates for Students.

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NEWS CULLINGS.

A fearful battle was fought, says a cablegram from Bogota, in the United States of Columbia, some time ago in which 600 men were killed and many wounded. The battle lasted two days and was a victory of the government troops over the insurgents.

Three street car collisions are reported by dispatches of the 19th with fatal effects. One was in Lexington, Ky. One motor man was fatally and another seriously injured and several passengers hurt. Another was in Indianapolis, Ind., where both motormen were fatally injured and six passengers were badly hurt. The third was in Huntington, W. Va., in which the motormen were both said to be fatally injured and six passengers severely hurt. A dense fog was the cause of it all.

Rather Cheesy.

A negro walked into the store of the Albemarle Grocery Company this morning and offered to eat two pounds and a half of cheese if the store would give it to him. It was handed him, together with a pound of ginger snaps. He dispatched it in the short space of 55 minutes. At last accounts he was still living.—Albemarle correspondence of 20th to Charlotte Observer.

A Large Increase in Valuation.

Col. John W. Hinsdale, counsel for the Corporation Commission in the railroad tax assessment case, states that in his opinion the result of the case will be a very large increase in the valuation of all property. If this result really does come, it will have been a mighty good thing that the case was started. It is far better for property owners to give in their property at true value and have a low tax rate, than it is to have a high tax rate and have property values minimized.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Peculiar Twins.

A special from St. Louis says that Jacob and Benjamin Evans are twins and so nearly alike that their mother can scarcely tell them apart. They are united by some mysterious bond which seems to influence their lives. When one feels a pain the other experiences the same sensation, although they may be miles apart. Recently one of them was taken sick with malaria in Kansas City. At the same time his brother in St. Louis showed the same symptoms.—Richmond Times.

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