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KIDNAPPER NOW IN NEW BERN

Fred Wiseman, Said To Be Former Second-Story Man Flees From Kinston.

TOOK CHILD FROM HIS WIFE

Woman Was Travelling Over The Country With A Carnival Company.

Fred Wiseman, a travelling showman whose home is at Chester, Pa., and who created a sensation at Kinston last week by taking from his wife, Beulah Warg Wiseman—who was at that town with a carnival company, their three-year-old daughter, is in New Bern.

Wiseman was told to leave Kinston Thursday afternoon and he lost no time in doing so and came to New Bern on the eastbound train, and is at present stopping at a boarding house near the union passenger station.

Yesterday's Kinston Free Press has the following interesting account of the affair:

"The Wiseman kidnaping case is not yet settled. The police wish that it were. Wiseman is in New Bern, and this morning he kept the telephone and telegraph wires between that city and Kinston warm.

"The facts in the case to date are Wednesday between midnight and 5 a. m., Frederick Wiseman, showman, former second-story man and convict, of Chester, Pa., who had shadowed Beulah Warg Wiseman, his wife, to Kinston, from Maine, entered an upper story window at the house at 405 East Washington street, dragged their three-year-old daughter, Dorothy, and escaped from the house with the child without awaking the sleeping mother. That day, at 10:30, Wiseman went to the baseball park, where Miss Warg was employed with a travelling carnival, admitted that he had the child secreted downtown, and insisted that the little one be sent to Miss Warg's mother in Pennsylvania. Wiseman probably unbalanced, had demanded money from the carnival management, threatened to kill a concessionaire named Logan who had befriended the 20-year-old girl, and severely handled a boy whom he mistook in the dark for Logan.

"In North Carolina, Wiseman's home is where his family is, so he could not be arrested for burglary, proprietress of the boarding house at 405 East Washington declined to prefer a charge of trespass. Miss Warg, badly frightened, could not have a peace warrant or any other action brought; Wiseman might do her bodily harm. The police were up against it. A friend of Wiseman would give them trouble, he was spied upon constantly. Beulah Warg bought poison. This was taken from her in the belief that she might kill herself. She would go with Wiseman back to Pennsylvania. She remained with him nearly two days. Finally, about 3:30 Thursday afternoon, Mayor Sutton took a hand in the matter. He ordered Wiseman's arrest on a technicality until a thorough case could be worked up against him. When an officer was reading the warrant to Wiseman, the wife, much agitated, asked that the child be shown to the father of her child. She would not return to him, but he had a big act on the road, and she had to see him lose his business. A friend saw the Mayor for her, and the executive allowed Wiseman the privilege of turning the child over to the wife, giving her money so that she could send the baby back to the north when she desired, and leaving on a train due for the east in a few minutes. He was not to leave the train this side of the main line of the Norfolk Southern at New Bern, or return to Kinston under any circumstances. Two policemen did not intend to let Wiseman miss the train, and he boarded it rather than go to jail. He gave the woman a \$20 note in the presence of the officers.

"This morning Wiseman talked to the authorities here over long-distance telephone a number of times. There was no change in their attitude, and he was told that he might employ counsel and have proper action brought in the civil courts. 'Have seen a lawyer. I've told me I've been duped, and that he didn't believe the Mayor of Kinston would take such a view of the matter.' Wiseman told Chief Heath, intimating that the police had not been fair with him."

TWO NAVAL MILITIA OFFICERS TO GO.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the United States Navy, has authorized two officers of the North Carolina Naval Militia to accompany the Atlantic Fleet on its cruise in European Waters, and the duty of selecting the two officers who shall take this cruise has been delegated to Commander C. D. Bradham of the North Carolina Naval Militia.

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The following invitation has been sent out:

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"At home, 4032 Magnolia Avenue, Tampa, Florida."

No cards in the city.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not grip or sicken. 25c

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FIRST FIGURES ON CORN CROP

SOUTH PRODUCED MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE COUNTRY'S YIELD.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 26.—The corn crop of the South this year is magnificent beyond compare.

Of the 2,300 million bushels of corn, which it is believed will be husked from the growth of 1913 in the United States, not less than 750 millions will be the Southern crop. The latter will constitute nearly \$600,000,000 out of the \$1,600,000,000 total value of American corn this year. These results are indicated by the preliminary report in the Atlanta authority Orange Judd Southern Farming. It says the prospective '13 crop is due to greatly increased and higher average yield per acre.

The season in the Southeast was so favorable to corn that the yield will average twenty-two bushels per acre, or somewhat more than in previous years. In the Southwest the yield of fourteen bushels per acre is slightly more than two years ago, compared with twenty last year.

The total crop of the Southeast is therefore, expected to be very close to 600,000,000 of bushels, or about 100,000,000 more than last year or two years ago. The drought in the Southwest was so serious as to make this year's crop of 166,000,000 only about the same size as two years ago, compared to 239,000,000 last year.

The South, as a whole, will make fully 750,000,000 of bushels this year. This is slightly in excess of last year's bonanza total, but over 100,000,000 more than two years ago.

Virginia's crop of 2,100,000 is slightly more than two years ago, according to Southern Farming's preliminary report. The yield now looks like an average of twenty-five bushels per acre compared to twenty-four last year and the year before. The total amount of corn produced in Virginia this season will be about 51,000,000, which is 3,000,000 more than the last two years. But corn may be worth an average of 80 cents a bushel this year compared to 71 and 73 the past two years. In this case Virginia corn will make a crop worth \$41,000,000 compared with \$34,000,000 and \$35,000,000 annually for two previous years.

The boys of the newly organized band are in a sore plight. The instruments which were ordered from C. C. Conn have arrived, and the contributions so far have far from equalled an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the instruments.

R. C. Minich, the manager, states that he has had the assurance of the business men of New Bern that they would be ready and willing to stand by the band in procuring these instruments but so far they have not made good.

An effort will be made Monday to see every business man in New Bern and Mr. Minich feels confident that the citizens of New Bern will not fail to avail themselves of the opportunity to do so much good and enable the boys to have their new instruments for their usual Monday rehearsal.

Let us hope that there is no business man in New Bern that will not contribute towards this band which is composed of gentlemen who have had experience in bands before and who are determined to make good, and surely there is no one who would try in the least to discourage these bandmen, and therefore we trust that no citizen in New Bern will turn a cold shoulder to the committee who has been appointed to solicit contributions to get these instruments out of the express office Monday.

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NO RATE REDUCTION IS IN SIGHT FOR NEW BERN

Corporation Commission Engaged In Working Out Reductions For Northeastern Counties But This Section Is To Be Given No Assistance.

Raleigh, Sept. 26.—It was learned at the office of the Corporation Commission today that more substantial reductions will be worked out on rates from the West to the Northeastern section of the State, where it had not before been understood that any reductions would be made, than to any other section of the State.

No reductions are to be made in the rate south of the basing point of Norfolk on the line out of Norfolk to Washington; the line via Suffolk to Edenton; the Coast line to Kellford and the Seaboard v'a Boykins to Lewiston until the rate out of Norfolk gets beyond 45 cents first class from Norfolk, and, therefore, no reductions had been heretofore mentioned to points on these lines.

It is now learned, however, that the proposition making the rate of 77 cents from Ohio river crossings to Weldon the maximum rate to all points on the northeastern border will result in most substantial reductions on the lines above mentioned, growing out of the fact that heretofore no through class rates have been published from the West to these

points and they have been denied the benefit of the proportional rates obtaining up to the Virginia cities, so that while they have had lower rates out of Norfolk than other points in the State their through rates from the West have been higher. Under the proposition as it now stands Elizabeth City will get a reduction of 15 cents first class from Cincinnati and related points, Edenton 23 cents reduction, Aulander 28 cents and Rich Square 37 cents, with corresponding reductions on other classes.

This will give very substantial reduction to practically all towns in Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

This section of the State has been made largely tributary to Norfolk, by reason of its through rates being on the full combination via Norfolk. The Commission predicts that these reductions in through rates will put a number of prosperous wholesale and jobbing houses in the counties mentioned.

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ASTOUNDS MANY PHYSICIANS

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ON SLOW COUNTY CITIZEN COMING

Secretary And Treasurer Of Big Lumber Company Will Move To New Bern.

TO GIVE UP TARRYMORE HOTEL

Talks Interestingly Of Proposed Railway Improvements In That Section.

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