

MAKE SENSATIONAL CHARGES

Boyle Accuses Harry Forker, Mrs. Whitla's Brother, of Murder, and Says He Suggested the Kidnapping to Pay Blackmail—Declares Whitla Offered Him Protection if He Shielded Forker.

Pittsburg, May 11. — Locked and bolted in separate cells, the man to spend his life within the bleak and grim walls of the western penitentiary, the woman to remain at least fifteen years and perhaps a quarter of a century. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Boyle, kidnapers of "Willie" Whitla, began to suffer the maximum punishment possible to impose for their offense.

Boyle's only hope of freedom lies in the remote possibility of a pardon. Mrs. Boyle, convicted as "Mary Doe," the name given by the law to designate "an unidentified person," was sentenced to serve twenty-five years and to pay a fine of \$5000 and the costs of prosecution. But since it has been customary to "forget" the fines and costs imposed upon a state prisoner, it is assumed that these penalties will be waived and that the woman, should she earn a legal reduction of her sentence, will be released after fifteen years.

Sensations followed each other thick and fast. The severity of the sentence appalled Mercer, where it was pronounced, and surprised many elsewhere, who had not anticipated the extreme limit of the law. Then came the sensational scene in the courtroom, when both prisoners collapsed and had to be carried from the room. Hardly had they reached their cells when the word was given out that the woman had taken poison during the night before and had narrowly escaped death at her own hand, and that a razor had been found concealed in Boyle's clothing. Before this thrill had lost its force, Boyle gave out his statement, implicating Harry Forker, brother of Mrs. Whitla, in the kidnaping case. In Mercer and Sharon the story does not seem to be generally credited, and as the district attorney has no faith in it there is little likelihood of any formal action in the matter.

Boyle's Accusation.

Boyle's statement follows:

The complete history of the kidnaping of Willie Whitla, the origin of same and what led up to it.

On the morning of —, between the hours of —, Dan Reeble, Jr., was found dead on the sidewalk in front of the Mauser block, East Federal street, in Youngstown, and over the prostrate form was Mr. Harry Forker, of Sharon, Pa., holding in his right hand a package of letters that was gathered from the sidewalk near the dead body of Mr. Reeble. As he was about to depart from the

vicinity he was intercepted by the writer and a man who has since passed to his reward, Mr. Dan Shay, a saloonkeeper of Oak street, Youngstown, Ohio.

In Mr. Forker's hurry to leave the scene he failed to find two envelopes that contained four letters. The same were picked up by Mr. Shay and later taken to his place of business on Oak street.

The writer and Mr. Shay examined and read the contents of same, which proved beyond a doubt the presence of Mr. Forker there at that time.

Claims Blackmail Succeeded.

The letters were written by a lady, two from a party in New York state and the others from Cleveland, Ohio. At a later date Mr. Forker was apprised of the fact that the writer held these letters in his possession and asked if he could use the same. A letter was immediately sent the writer by Mr. Forker, stating that (Mr. Forker) would like to have a personal talk with the writer, which meeting took place a day or so after. Mr. Forker acknowledged he would pay a sum of money for the possession of said letters. The amount not being considered sufficient, was refused, and from that day on and up until March, 1908, the writer, on the pretext of exposing the letters and the coincidence of Mr. Forker being discovered bending over the prostrate form of Mr. Reeble, had received at different times amounts of money from Mr. Forker to remain silent.

About six months ago, when I returned to Sharon with my wife, I met Mr. Forker on East State street and informed him that unless I received \$5000 between then and the time I intended to leave Sharon I would hold the secret no longer.

He then informed me that it was impossible for him to get that amount of money, but some time in April, 1909, he was to come in possession of a certain amount of money and would then turn some over to me, which was satisfactory at that time.

On my leaving Sharon, on March 12, 1909, I proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, and on the same evening I addressed to Mr. Forker, 249 East State street, Sharon, a letter which read as follows:

"Mr. Harry Forker: Dear Sir—I have decided not to wait any longer in regard to the money proposition, and if I don't hear from you soon there will be some exposing. Sincerely yours,

"J. J. BAILEY, Cleveland, Ohio."

Letter Without Signature.

On March 16, 1909, I received an answer to the same, which read:

"Friend Bailey—You know that the circumstances and the promise I made you when you left here, but if you are really desperately in need of money as you profess to be, I will outline a little plan which, with your co-operation, can be very successfully carried out, viz.: the abduction of J. P. Whitla's son. I can arrange to have the boy brought to Warren, Ohio, due there at 11.15, with escort."

(There is no signature to the letter.)

I left Cleveland at 8.15 a. m. and arrived at Warren at 10.06 a. m., then proceeded to Niles, Ohio, by street car. I boarded an Erie train and arrived at Warren at 11.15 a. m., but failing to see the boy and his escort, I got off at Warren and remained in the vicinity of the depot.

About ten minutes later boy and escort arrived, and I was then informed that they drove from Sharon to Warren. I informed party to take boy up along Pittsburg & Western track, leave him there and that I would attend to the rest of it, and which he proceeded to do.

After making inquiries as to the next train to Cleveland, I brought the boy to Niles, Ohio, from there to Ashtabula and then to Cleveland. On March 22 I re-

ceived a letter from Mr. Forker stating that some one had informed Mr. Whitla that they had recognized his boy on March 15 in Niles, Ohio, and that James Boyle, of Sharon, was with him; also that Mr. Whitla was afraid to divulge the information for fear the boy might come to some harm and telling me to be careful and be on the alert, and that when I received the money to immediately surrender those Youngtown letters, to send same to him, Mr. Forker, at Sharon, and on Tuesday, April 23, to return half of the ransom money to him, Mr. Forker, and he would turn over the same to the party who took Willie Whitla to Warren.

Says He Was Promised Protection.

Upon learning that my name was mentioned in connection with the case, I made it a point to meet Mr. Whitla personally in Cleveland at Fifty-third street and St. Clair avenue; showed him the letter that passed between Mr. Forker and myself; also the Youngtown letters, and Mr. Whitla promised that if I would substantiate the truth of the Youngtown letters he would see there would be no prosecution.

I then surrendered through Mr. Whitla all the letters that were in my possession, and the world knows the result. I was arrested, and convicted, and deprived by my own counsel of telling my story on the stand. I informed my wife the boy was brought in order to escape being quarantined in the pest house and we were to be handsomely rewarded for taking care of him.

This unfortunate woman was duped from start to finish in regard to the boy, and I was duped from the moment I left the letters go into Mr. Whitla's possession. As my counsel afterwards informed me, I had nothing to show or to prove, and that it was a matter of veracity—their word against mine. I had given up every scintilla I had, and now I am settled for. This story is as true as there is a God above us.

\$58,000 FOR LOSS OF LEGS

Woman Awarded Heavy Damages Against Long Island Railroad.

New York, May 11. — Fifty-eight thousand dollars for the loss of both legs was the verdict awarded in the supreme court to Miss Addie Hunt, a trained nurse, against the Long Island Railroad company. Miss Hunt was injured while boarding a train at Great Neck, L. I. The train started suddenly and she was thrown under the wheels.

ROOSEVELT BAGS BULL RHINO

Beast Was Charging Former President, Who Fired With Deadly Effect.

Nairobi, British East Africa, May 11. —A bulky bull rhinoceros is the latest prize wrested from the jungle by Colonel Roosevelt. The rhinoceros was charging Mr. Roosevelt when the hunter fired. The distance was fourteen paces, and the animal fell dead. To date fifteen varieties of game have been bagged.

Four Men Blown to Atoms.

Columbus, Kan., May 11. —The mixing room of the Laffin-Rand powder mills at Turck station, near here, blew up, killing four men. Their bodies were blown to bits.

BOAT WAS OVERCROWDED

When Craft Shipped Water Occupants Stood Up in Fright, Causing It to Rock and During a Wild Scramble Upset—Crowd on Shore Unable to Help Them.

Nine persons, who were out boating in the Susquehanna river at Port Griffith, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were drowned by the upsetting of the boat. They are William Andrews, of Port Griffith; Theodore and Thomas Andrews, Frank Marianosky, Adam Struskus, Frank Ganofsky, Mrs. Frank Ganofsky and their two small boys, John and Michael, all of Providence, near Scranton. None of the bodies have been recovered.

William Andrews was entertaining a number of relatives from Providence, Lackawanna county, and after dinner took them out for a boat ride. They crowded into a small boat, five men with Andrews, his sister-in-law and two little nephews, and started out.

People on shore, who had warned him about going out in the overcrowded boat, saw him struggle with the oars when he realized that the boat was getting beyond control, and then the accident happened quickly.

The boat was low in the stern, with the several people seated in it. Apparently one of the men there moved forward to help Andrews with the oars, the movement causing the boat to rock. It shipped some water at the stern.

Those seated there stood up to avoid the water, the boat rocked more and shipped a quantity of water. There followed a wild scramble of the now thoroughly frightened people, and the next moment the boat upset, and with shrill shrieks for help all the occupants were thrown into the water.

Whether any of them could swim was not known. Some swimmers say they would not care to be caught in the current, and none of the many on shore who witnessed the accident could do anything to rescue those who were struggling in the water, no other boats being available in time, and the heartrending tragedy was enacted quickly. The nine were swept away by the water. Some of them grasped each other and went down quickly. A couple clung to the boat for a few seconds, but others who hung on to them dragged them off, and in less than three minutes nothing remained in sight except the boat, floating bottom up some distance down the river.

Diphtheria Closes Taft's School.

Owing to an epidemic of diphtheria at Taft's Preparatory school at Watertown, Conn., it has been decided to close the school for two weeks. Several cases of this disease have developed in the past few weeks.

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