KIDNAPPING OF A MILLIONAIRE

Mine.

WAS ABDUCTED FROM HOUSTON.

He Had Disappeared and His Family Been Drowned-When Found He a band of Chinese marauders across Declares He Has No Knowledge of What Occurred.

Houston, Texas (Special) .-- J. E. Webb, the millionare oil operator who it was supposed was drowned sons will hereafter disregard boundwhile bathing at Galveston four ary lines in their clashes with the months ago, was found by his wife a few days ago working in a mine at Joplin, Mo. He has been brought back here. He is unable to give a coherent account of what has happened to him since last June.

Detectives whom his friends employed after his mysterious disappearance declare that Webb was abducted from Houston, drugged and carried 'to a small place near St. Louis, where he was kept under an armed guard for a long time. Why SUDDEN DEATH OF he should have been abducted nobody can explain. If he was abducted his abductors never demanded a ransom of his family, or friends, and nothing is known to President Emaritus of Johns Hopkins have hapened that would lead other men to abduct him and expose themselves to imprisonment.

All that Webb knows is that, finding himself near Joplin, Mo., where he once worked in a mine, he sought employment there and for several weeks wielded a sledge or held a drill.

J. H. Putnam who knew him years was heart disease. His wife, his ago, recognized him and notified brother. Mr. William Gilman, and Mrs. Webb of his whereabouts. She, his sister were with him when he with a party of oil operators, friends | expired. of Webb, went to Joplin after him. Webb is guarded in his home, and passes one of the best known men in detectives are still working on the peculiar case. He says he sent for brated exponent of the newest methhis wife, but this does not agree ods in university work. For more with the statements of others.

found myself on the public road would benefit him. They spent sevplight and weeks had elapsed.

know. I might have committed places and in getting this particularmurder or robbed a bank for all I ly intimate knowledge of the life could tell and my story wasn't worth and customs of the countries through the words. I was afraid of myself, which they were traveling Dr. Gil-What had happened to me was un- man's health seemingly improved. explainable.

worked in the mines years before, ed every minute of it. and took a place again. When I

Clash. Tokio (By Cable). -- Skirmishes that followed the refusal of the Chinese war office to permit a detach- Stopped by Burned-out Culvert, Refu-Had Been Led to Believe He Had ment of Japanese soldiers to pursue

AN EXPLANATION

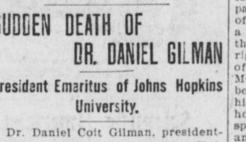
JAPAN DEMANDS

the Korean line into China bids fair to lead to serious complications between China and Japan. Unless a satisfactory explanation is made of the refusal, the Japanese

in several Northern Korean garri-Chinese.

The Chinese attacked the police station in Kantao, occupied by Japanese soldiers who were sent there to protect the Koreans, and in the fighting that followed the Chinese were routed, after several had been killed.

The commander, of the garrison requested permission to cross the Chinese border, but it was refused. The Foreign Office has called on Pe king for an explanation.



emeritus of the Johns Hopkins University, died suddenly at the home of their three children being among of his sisters, the Misses Gilman, in Norwich, Ct., at 2 o'clock Tuesday The owner of one of the mines, afternoon. The cause of his death

In the death of Dr. Gilman there the educational world, and the celethan a year Dr. Gilman had been "I don't remember a thing that in ill health, and last March he and happened after I drove to Houston Mrs. Gilman went abroad, it being from Humble on the night of June hoped by his relatives and friends 19 last," said Mr. Webb, "until I that the sea voyage and the change near Joplin, Mo. I was in a sorry en months traveling through Italy, France and Switzerland. During the Where I had been I did not trip they visited many out-of-the-way The trip, he believed, was beneficial 'I went to Joplin, where I had to him, because he thoroughly enjoy-

Dr. Gilman and his wife returned condition. found that all was well at home and to this country last week, arriving that they were hunting for me as a in New York on the steamship Ma- save their household goods probably ously oppose. This tendency of Bul- for pulp is of slow growth, and we elsewhere they endeavored to the

FROM TRAIN PERISH Oil Operator Found Working In a China's Course May Result in Serious Blazing Forests Scene of Terrible Six Warships Are Anchored Near Catastrophe.

SKULLS FOUND IN CAR'S RUINS.

21 PERSONS FLEEING

gees' Train Starts to Back Out of Fire, But Rails Spread Under It and Flames Close in From Both Sides-Careless Hunters Blamed.

Detroit (Special). --- Twenty-one known dead, with scores of others missing and probably dead, a dozen more who escaped with life but were badly burned, two small towns wiped out, many others in imminent danger, scores of farmhouses burned, millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed---all this is a day's record of the forest fires in Northern Michigan. That greater destruction of property will follow and of the powers, and to state also that many more lives have been lost is practically certain.

Those known to be dead were all residents of Metz township, Presque Isle County, in the northeastern part of the lower peninsula. Fifteen of them were burned to death when a relief train, carrying refugees from the village of Metz, was derailed right in the center of the furnace of flames. Two farmers' families of Metz township are known to have been wiped out, John Mowicki and his wife, an aged couple, whose home was within a few rods of the spot where the ill-fated relief train and those aboard were consumed, and Henry Kempf, his wife and two the victims. Another son is missing and was probably incinerated also. though his bones were not found with those of his parents and brother and sister.

Fought For Life.

That many more of the inhabitants of Metz died in the hopeless endeavor to fight their way through the roaring flames and dense smoke which surrounded them on every side seems sure. Some of those who managed to get through say the five cars of the relief train were filled with men, women and children, and their household goods.

Fifteen bodies were found in the charred remnants of the burned cars. Perhaps a score of the men have straggled into Posen, a village a few miles away, the clothing burnseared and blackened, their lungs choked with smoke.

Engineer Foster's face was so terribly burned in the awful flight through the fire that he was blinded. his eyes literally burned out, and Conductor Kinville is in little better

The anxiety of the villagers to

A NAVAL MOVE Montenegro.

AUSTRIA MAKES

Cettinje, Montenegro (By Cable) -Six Austrian warships anchored off Spinza, in Dalmatia, a crown land of Austria-Hungary. They are not more than 10 miles from Antivari, the sole seaport of Montenegro.

London (By Cable) .--- All the men of the home fleet absent from their ships on liberty have been suddenly recalled. Insomuch as the reason for this has not yet been ascertained. the order has caused considerable excitement.

Constantinople (By Cable) .--- Disturbed by reports of Bulgaria's military activity the Porte has instructed the Turkish representatives abroad to call this matter to the attention that Turkey will decline to take the responsibility should Bulgaria's persistence in her present attitude result in hostilities.

NO ULTIMATUM SENT.

A Bulgarian Denial Of Reports Of Bellicose Intentions.

Paris (By Cable) .--- M. Stancloff, the diplomatic agent of Bulgaria in Paris, is in receipt of official advices from Sofia which deny the alarmist rumors current here of Bulgaria's purposes. Bulgaria has no intention of sending an ultimatum to Turkey or of ordering further mobilization of her forces. On the contrary, the outlook for a peaceful adjustment with Turkey and the powers is now regarded in Sofia as practically assured through the iternational conference.

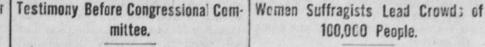
DIPLOMATS DISPLEASED.

A Bulgarian Circular Called A "High-Handed Action."

Sofia, Bulgaria (By Cable) .--- A disagreeable impression has been produced in diplomatic circles here a circular note issued from the Bulgarian ministry of justice, which orders that in the future the sub-

jects of foreign powers in Bulgaria shall be treated on the same basis as natives; in other words, they are no longer to enjoy the intermediary ed from their backs, their bodies of their consuls. The circular sets forth that the declaration of Bulgarian independence on October 5 has annulled the so-called capitulations which exempted foreigners from the

jurisdiction of the local courts. one of the great powers described butt. tion," which the powers would vigor- saw log trees are mixed.



IS INEXHAUSTIBLE

THE SUPPLY OF PULP

lillowner Declares One Section of British Canada Contains Spruce Forest From 200 to 300 Miles Long - Committee Would Reduce lariff.

NO ONE KNOWS ITS EXTENT.

Minneapolis, Minn. (Special) .--Digging for facts relating to the timber supply of the United States and showing an unusual interest in the imber supply of Canada the select ommittee of Congress, through ongressman James R. Mann, chairman, held a session at the West Hotel. Several witnesses, mostly umbermen, were examined, particuarly in relation to available supply of spruce, balsam and poplar, all of which are pulp woods.

Those who were in attendance at the meeting were C. I. McNair, of the Northwestern Paper Company, of Cloquet; A. C. Bossard, of the Itasca Paper Company; B. F. Nelson and Willis Walker, of the Hennepin Paper Company; Karl Mathie, of the Watab Pulp and Paper Company; Edward W. Backus, of the Minnesota and Ontario Power Company. now erecting a dam and milis on Rainy River, and F. J. Kline, superintendent of logging for T. B. Walk-

Miles And Miles Of Wood.

F. B. Lynch, of St. Paul, appeared before Congressman Mann and testified regarding the lumber industry of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, where the Union Manufacturing Company, of which he is one of the principal owners, has six mills in operation. When he had finished his testimony Mr. Mann thanked Mr. Lynch, saying: "You have given us some information."

"In the region north of Lake Superior," said Mr. Lynch, "and in Western Ontario, Northwestern Manitoba and east of the Province of Saskatchewan there are large areas of land that have a good deal of small spruce. Part of it is fit for small timber and part is fit for pulp wood. As to the number of acres of timber I cannot say. "How far West does that territory

extend?" asked Mr. Mann. "From the Red River on the east,

north to Lake Winnipeg and north and west to the west end of the Lake of the Woods. Our mills are all situated west of the territory I have spoken of. In that area there are probably 1,000,000 feet of spruce The diplomatic representative of that is 12 inches or larger at the Probably twice that amount to thread their way through. this circular as a "high-handed ac- is fit for pulp wood. The pulp and

A BIG MOB LAYS SIEGE TO PARLIAMENT

100,000 People.

London (By Cable) .--- The climax of the suffragette campaign was reached when an enormous mob hemmed in Parliament and stopped

traffic in all streets leading to Westminster. For more than three hours the crowds scuffled good naturedly with the police, interfered with theatergoers, broke windows and disorganized things generally in the center of London.

The hero of the day was Mrs. Travers Symons, formerly secretary to James Keir Hardie, the socialist and independent member of Parliament, who reached the door of the House of Commons by strategy. The House was solemnly debating a bill to prevent children from cigarette smoking when the woman dashed past the doorkeeper to a position in front of the Speaker's chair and shouted shrilly, "Leave off discussing

children and talk about women." Three officials seized Mrs. Symons and carried her out bodily. She was then led to the outer door and dismissed. As a result of the coup an order was issued that hereafter women should not be admitted to the building on any pretext whatever, and in the future the historic grills will not screen feminine spectators. The appeal issued by the suffragettes a few days ago for 50,000 persons to help them "rush" Farliament 7.30 o'clock Tuesday evening was the most successful s roke yet. Not less than twice that number responded to the call, and nine-tenths of these were young people who came to see the fun. There were also many of the unemployed and their sympathizers.

Parliament was in a state of seige. A close triple line of police was drawn around the three sides of the square in front of the building. The yard within the gates swarmed with police and 200 guarded the terrace in the rear against assault by water. which the women twice attempted. A small fleet of police boals also patrolled the Thames approaches.

All the mounted police in London and suburbs had been mobilized at this center and loads of hay were unstacked in the streets for the horses. The whole police force, together with cavalry, infantry and marines, numbering more than 5,000 was kept busy in restraining the pushing, struggling masses, espec ially about Trafalgar Square, where the Nelson Monument looked down upon dense crowds in all directions with busses, motor cars and cabs, mostly filled with sightseers, trying

The police kept the streets adjoin-Spruce ing the House of Commons clear; that they were hunting for me as a model of the steamship and in New Fork on the steamship and is in the steamship London crowd is capable of. These "What is the distance from the were aimed in a semi-good-natured recognition of Bulgarian independ- west end of the Lake of the Woods manner at the suffrageltes, who, disto the edge of the forest?" injuired tinguished by their orange sashes. swarmed everywhere, distributing A delegation of 12 suffragettes, cruisers who say they have seen which approached the police cordon spruce east of James Bay, a distance and was formally refused admission to Parliament, attempted a football Mr. Lynce, said that he did not rush, but the police chivalrously reknow how that spruce could be taken pulsed the women with the least possible roughness. Two bodies of more remote regions. However, the unemployed, however, which aprear of the Hotel Bertrand, Michigan several railroads were contemplated, proached the line were driven off with little saving grace, one across Westminster Bridge and the other to St. James' Park. The police were "What supply of pulp is there pelted with vegetables and some that might be utilized in the mills stones in a few minor skirmishes ously hurt. Twenty-four suffragettes don't know and I do not be- and 12 of the unemployed were placed under arrest.

attempt was made to collect a policy but payment was refused.

The detectives assert that for a time Webb was kept in a private asylum where he was plied with drugs. Neil Esperson, one of the men who went to Joplin to bring Webb back, said:

"I don't believe Webb was ever in the surf at Galveston. We are working on one of the most remarkable cases ever developed. All of the facts will soon come out."

FLIES "OLD GLORY" AND DIES.

Blind Veteran's Last Act One Of Patriotism.

Carlisle, Pa. (Special)-J. George Spangenburg, blind retired merchant, fell dead with heart disease Posse Follows Thieves To Mountains, while flying the Stars and Stripes from the window of his residence in honor of a Grand Army re-union here.

his daughter that he would attend west of Dallas, was overtaken by a to the himself, and shortly after 9 o'clock Mountains. In the battle that enswung the starry banner to the sued one bandit was killed and anbreezes from the window of his other wounded, but the latter escaped

Hardly had he concluded his task. band. a difficult one for a blind man, when he fell back dead on the floor of his grazed by a bullet. The dead bandit room, where he was found by his is unidentified. Nothing was found daughter.

Loving Two Girls, He Dies.

Savannah, Ga. (Special) .--- Torn by conflicting emotions caused by his love for two girls, Frank Cox, 25 years old, committed suicide. he burst a blood vessel in his brain, decide, but each effort was useless. and left him as fond of one as the that is flooding his brain. other, Between the new and the old he could make no final selection. so he determined to end his misery by death.

Wedding Not Off, Is Report.

London (By Cable) .- The Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent says Crow" car with negroes. She asked that he is able to state on the highest authority that the wedding of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Elkins will certainly take place very soon

Steel Magnate Dies.

Wheeling, W. Va. (Special) .---John Richard Robinson, one of the oldest iron and steel magnates in the Ohio Valley, and for many years is dead, here, aged 78 years. He was born of Quaker parents in Phil- struction of buildings. Other gifts 1866. After engaging in farm work er steel interests here.

It is charged that the alleged ab- the early years of his life. At the at Galveston, to make it appear that his boyhood, and the reuniting of them insisted on saving some of their he was drowned while bathing. An early family ties. Dr. Gilman had possessions. been suffering with heart trouble of insurance in the New York Life, for several years, and had consulted some of the most eminent specialists in the world and had every reason

to believe that his death was a long way off. He arose at his usual time, and spent the forenoon quietly in reading and study. He was in his usual

health at lunch, after which meal he went to his room to prepare for a drive. Mrs. Gilman heard a noise in the room as if something had fallen, and she hurried upstairs and found her husband on the floor help-A physician was summoned. less. but it was impossible to do anything for the distinguished patient, and he expiréd two minutes later in his wife's arms.

BANDIT KILLED IN BATTLE.

But Loses Them.

Dallas, Tex. (Special.) .- A band

of thieves which has robbed num-Mr. Spangenburg, a veteran, told erous stores in Gordon, 60 miles flying of his country's flag sheriff's posse in the Palo Pinto with the unhurt members of the

One of the posse had his left side in his pockets. His comrades probably took his papers and valuables.

Sneeze Causes Paralysis.

Wilmington, Del. (Special)-John Coyle, aged 55 years, while standing on the street, sneezed so hard that tion, or o per cent. Cox was enraptured with a girl at and as a result he is now at his Ellabelle, Ga., his old home. She home unconscious and paralyzed bly were re-elected directors of the was his first love, but at Thunder- from head to foot. His condition Erie. bolt he met another charmer. Then is so serious that he is not expected he became the football of Cupid. to live. He has not regained con-Time and time again he tried to sciousness, and the physicians have been unable to stop the flow of blood

Forty Dollars A Minute.

Suffolk, Va. (Special) .--- Mrs. Rosa Stone of Myrtle, Va., was given a \$400 verdict against the Norfolk and Western Railroad for being compelled to ride seven miles in a Jim for \$1,000. This is the only case of that sort ever tried in Virginia. The jury allowed her \$40 a minute for actual riding time.

\$1.000.000 For Hospital.

New York (Special) .--- It was announced that James S. Kennedy, the months ended June 30, 1908, earn-New York banker, has given \$1,000 .-000 to the Presbyterian Hospital of manager of the LaBelle properties, this city, of which he is president. States Steel Company's books, which The money is to be used in conadelphia, and came to Wheeling in made by Mr. Kennedy and previously announced are \$500,000 to Cofor many years he entered the em-ploy of the LaBelle and afterward ing for the United Charities and was prominently identified with oth- \$250,000 to the School of Philanthrophy.

-reached Metz, if the villagers had ers to insist upon the relention of over about 50 years ago that is now ductors took Webb's clothes and valu- home of his sister he keenly enjoy- climbed aboard at once they might the capitulations for a definite peri- only fit for pulp.' ables and left them in a bath house ed the renewal of acquaintances of have gotten out, but a number of od as one of the conditions to the ence.

Derailed In Fire.

Two miles south of Metz Engineer Foster saw high walls of flames on both sides of the track. The only hope was in a bold dash and the engineer jerked the throttle wide open and the train rocked forward through the piles of burning cedar ties, fence posts and lumber, but right in the center of the roaring flames the rails, loosened by the heat. spread and the train jolted over the roadbed and came to a stop.

In an instant the cars were on fire. There was no thought of rescue. Men leaped from the blazing cars and dashed up the track shielding their faces from the blaze. Some of them got through. Many others did not. Of those who failed to leave the cars eight were children and three women.

FINANCIAL

Homestake declared its monthly dividend of 50 cents a share.

The biggest sellers of Union Pacific on Wednesday were the biggest buyers on Thursday.

The United States Mint is buying silver, which is being coined in Philadelphia in subsidiary pieces. The rumor of an increase of \$10 .-000,000 in Chesapeake & Ohio stock was officially denied.

Connellsville coke ovens in blast number 18,252, and out of blast 19,309

Output of the Newhouse mine increased in September about 25,-000 pounds over the August produc-

E. H. Harriman, N. B. Ream, Charles Steele and H. McK. Twom-

Mr. Harriman says over his own signature that the Erie should be electrified for its suburban business. but he says he cannot state definitely when the work will begin.

The Portland Company, of Cripple Creek, has declared its fourth dividend this year, making the dis tribution \$480,000 in 1908.

Bankers who purchased the \$14,-000,000 Southern Pacific refunding 4 per cent. bonds announce that all of them have been sold.

The receiver of the Monica mine of Arizona, has made a clean-up. It. amounted to a fifty-pound bar of pure gold

According to a statement it has filed with the Stock Exchange, the Pennsylvania Railroad in the twelve ed more than 10 per cent. on its capital stock.

Unfilled orders on the United represent business in hand, have this year decreased 60 per cent., as compared with last December. Earnings for the September quarter are etimated at \$24,000,000, compared with \$43,000,000, in that quarter last year and \$18,229,000, was the poorest quarter of 1908. the shoe blew out.

BOMB STARTS HOTEL PANIC.

Wrecks Rear Of Building And Emptics It Of Guests.

Chicago, Ill. (Special). - The gamblers' dynamite war is on again. Bomb No. 14 was exploded in the Avenue and Hubbard Place, wrecking the back part of the building son Bay. and shattering windows more than a block away.

Many persons in the hotel were they fled in their night clothes down the stairs to the street. Flames followed the explosion, but fire engines were called out and the blaze was soon extinguished.

Chief Shippy was immediately notified and ordered a score of detectives to investigate. Within a short time a number of arrests were made, but the suspects proved alibis and were released.

LOCKS JEWELER IN VAULT

Then Thief Robs Till At Leisure While Crowds Pass Store.

Wellsville, N. Y. (Special) .--- Locked in his own vault by a smooth thief, Fred Ward, a leading jeweler of this town, mourns the loss of \$57 taken from his till while scores of towns-people promenaded the street before his store.

Ward was alone in the store when the stranger entered and asked for a box of cartridges. As Ward entered the vault where they were kept the door was slammed upon him, and the theif, sweeping clean the store till, Within a few minutes Ward's fled. muffled yells brought a crowd. He shouted .the vault's combination through its door, and was released. but the robber was gone, leaving no

Blown In Air By Auto Tire,

South Norwalk, Conn. (Special). -When an automobile tire exploded J. Bentley Hadley, a New York broker, was thrown backward a distance of 20 feet and seriously injured. He was picked up unconscious, and it was found that his nose was broken, and one ear nearly torn off, in addition to severe bruises. Mr. Hadley discovered a which machine, and was removing it when

Mr. Mann.

"About 200 miles. I don't know tracts. the northern boundaries. I have seen 300 miles.

out, as it was inaccessible in the and one was now building to Hud-

Supply Inexhaustible.

hurled out of bed. Panic stricken, of the United States if there was that occurred, but nobody was serino prohibition?"

> lieve anybody knows." "Do you know if the supply is in-

> exhaustible? "I believe the spruce supply is

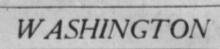
inexhaustible. and other timber?"

'I think it would cheapen pulp, but I am not so sure about other timber.

Mr. Lynch explained the method of the Dominion government in sellrights were sold to the highest bidder.

'The last timber we brought cost us about \$2 a thousand. After that we pay an acreage rental of from \$5 to \$30 a section. The price detimber on the land. We do not al-

ways cut it immediately, as we figure that the increase in the growth of the timber is worth the land rent- extinguished. al we pay.



A handsome monument erected by the State of Pennsylvania to the memory of Brigadier General Theodore

Wint, who died in Philadelphia himself. Chicago (Special) .--- Mrs. Marie last year, after long service in the is not known. Lange, wife of John Lange, janitor Civil War, Indian campaigns, Spanish War and the Philippine Insurrection, has been unveiled in the Na-

Dr. Luis Anderson, of Costa Rico who was the president of the Central tral American affairs.

President Roosevelt has referred to the War Department the open letter recently written to him by First Sergeant Mingo Sanders, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, a battalion of 15 years, of Shenandcah, are dead which was discharged without honor as the result of a double tragedy in for talleged participation in the Brownsville riot.

The sugar industry has reached the most critical period of its history, and it is now the center of a nail in one of the rear tires of the iness world, in which producing and ter. Bright took the Cook girl to Consul General Anderson.

New Tubercular Serum.

Paris (By Cable) .--- Prof. Lanne-What would be the effect of the longue, of the University of Paris, removal of the tariff on pulp wood has discovered an anti-tubercular serum, which is said to be the most efficacious remedy of the kind ever used. Of eleven phtbisical patients inoculated with the new scram, ten have either been cured or have shown improvement. Further experiments ing timber land. He said that bids improvement. Further experiments were advertised for and the timber are expected to show even better results.

Yarmouth Loses Income. .

London (By Cable) .- By an order of the divorce court issued all the pends upon the district in which the rights and interests of the Eatl of land is situated and the quantity of Yarmouth under the financial settlement made prior to the Earl's marriage to Miss Alice Cornelia Thaw in Pittsburg on April 27, 1903, are,

Shot Sons, Then Himself.

Goldsberry, Mo. (Special). - D. O. Seaman, a farmer, went to the district school, called out his two sons, aged 10 and 12 years, shot one of them dead, mortally wounded the other and then shot and killed The cause of the tragedy

Eleven Are Reported Killed.

Tokio (By Cable). -- In the encounter between Japavese and Chinese troops at Kanta, according to information received here, eight Chinese and three Japanese soldiers were killed. The Chinese are said to have been the aggressors.

Kills Girl And Himself.

Des Moines, Iowa (Special)-llaricy Bright and Esther Cook, aged which the youth shot the girl and then himself. The girl was said to have been in love with Bright, but was soon to testify in a case great conflict in the Brazilian bus- against the young run and his sisrefining interests are at war, writes his father's house, barrleaded the door and slew the girl and himself.

trace. Woman Fatally Shot. of a South Side apartment building. was shot and fatally wounded. Neighbors who had heard sounds of tional Cemetery at Arlington.

a quarrel followed by six shots, found the woman in a pool of blood. Lange.

The couple is said to have come to American Peace Conference, held it this city from Pittsburg three weeks this city last year, had a conference ago. The police are searching for with Secretary of State Root on Cent