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BOLDEST OF KIDNAPERS.

Philadelphia Woman Seized and Held Captive Six Days.

All the Conspirators Caught-Clean and Clever Plans Were Followed by Kidnapers, but Clumsiness in Blinding the Victim Led to Their Undoing.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 7.-Charged with kidnaping a woman and holding her a prisoner for four days, robbing her of jewels worth more than \$2,000 and compelling her to sign bank checks for large sums of money is the story which the police unfolded here yesterday when they announced the arrest of two newspaper men, a stenographer in another newspaper office and a barber, all of whom are charged with complicity in the crime.

The men now locked up at the Central police station are Howard K. Sloan, an unemployed reporter; Henry Wallace, society editor of one of the morning newspapers; J. Knight Findlay of Wayne, near here, stenographer in the business office of another morning paper, and Oscar S. Dunlap, a barber employed in one of the most prominent shops in the city.

At a lonely place in Fairmount park the carriage was stopped by a man who, she said, represented himself as D. Clarence Gibbons, the secretary and attorney of the Law and Order society of this city.

She was driven somewhere, she did not know, to a house where she was held captive for six days. The man paid toll at two tollgates and that they took her into a building where a fire engine and a book and ladder truck were standing.

At the latter place the men, who were masked, stripped her of the jewelry and at the point of a revolver compelled her to sign bank checks for various sums of money. She had deposited in the Third National bank. They made her sign for more than she possessed, but compelled her to promise she would make up the deficiency when they released her.

With other information the woman gave them, the detectives began to work on what they believed to be a fairly tale. They got several clues which led them to a building in North Wayne, 15 miles from this city. The fire company is a volunteer organization and the key to the place was kept in the nearest dwelling.

The nearest house was occupied by a family named Findlay and there the police learned that one of the sons, J. Knight Findlay, had been home but left during the night for Germantown. Getting a description of him the police returned to the city and found the young man, who is only 21 years old, in the office where he is employed.

He was charged with the crime and held down and impounded the others. Findlay was charged with representing a coachman, that Sloan, the unemployed reporter, acted the part of Attorney Gibbons; that the barber played the part of the rich Germantown resident and that Wallace, the society editor, had rented a house in Germantown, where Mrs. Goodrich was to have been held a captive.

He told substantially the same story as that narrated by the woman. He said they kept her confined in the fire house and then took her to the house where Sloan was arrested, at 2556 North Tenth street. The plan to keep her in the Wallace house in Germantown was abandoned in favor of the Sloan house. Sloan, the police said, conceived the whole plot, and it was he that got the barber into it.

CHARGE D WITH 14 MURDERS.

Flound in Woman's Form Arrested in Dayton, O.-List of Victims.

DAYTON, O., Oct. 8.-Mrs. A. J. Witwer, a widow, residing in this city, has been arrested by the police at the instigation of the coroner, and is held a prisoner at Central station pending an investigation into very serious charges.

Mrs. Witwer, the police say, is suspected of 14 murders, the list including four husbands, five children, one sister and four members of different families in which she was employed as a housekeeper.

The last supposed victim was her sister, Mrs. Anna Pugh, who died a week ago under mysterious circumstances. An autopsy performed at the request of Mrs. Witwer's mother, who came here from Detroit, is said to have disclosed the presence of arsenic and coppers in the stomach.

Following closely upon the death of her first husband, Fred Scheveger, according to the police department data, came the death of two children.

The second husband died suddenly several years after the wedding, and the children of this marriage died in rapid succession.

The third husband of Mrs. Witwer was William Stowe, who died at Middleton with alleged symptoms of arsenical poisoning. Mr. Stowe's death was investigated by the coroner but without result.

Shortly after Mr. Stowe's death Mrs. Witwer came to Dayton and became housekeeper for Charles K. Keller, a widower. Keller died suddenly and the information since gained by the coroner concerning Keller's death is that his ailment was similar to that of a person affected by poison.

Mrs. Witwer next acted as housekeeper for John A. Wenz, a druggist. In July last Wenz's 4-year-old son suddenly died and two months later Wenz died. The doctors attributed Wenz' death to blood poisoning but now tell the coroner they were dissatisfied with their diagnosis at the time.

Mrs. Stowe then went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Gabler on East street, Riverton. These two persons died suddenly and the coroner now says their sickness was of the nature of arsenical poisoning.

Her last husband, A. J. Witwer, died last April. In each instance death was somewhat sudden and all were strangely alike.

The prisoner is 47 years of age. She has two sons in the Philippines and a sister. It is stated in a New York asylum.

AFGHANISTAN AMEER DEAD.

Son Announces That Father Died Last Thursday After Brief Illness.

LONDON, Oct. 8.-A news agency publishes the following dispatch from Sila, dated last evening: "Habib Oullah Khan, eldest son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, has reported to the British agent at Kabul that the ameer died last Thursday after a brief illness."

A dispatch from Sila says the ameer was taken seriously ill Sept. 28. Habib Oullah Khan, Oct. 2, asked in a durbar that public prayers be offered for the ameer. In the morning of Oct. 3, Habib Oullah Khan announced that his father had expired at 3 o'clock that morning.

CREMATED IN DEBRIS.

Four Trainmen Killed in Wreck Near Onward, Ind.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Oct. 7.-Four Pan Handle railroad trainmen met death near Onward, 14 miles southeast of here, yesterday in a rear-end collision of freight trains. The bodies of three of the men were taken out bodily mutilated, but the fourth was almost entirely consumed by the flames, which broke out soon after the wreck, before the wrecking crew could subdue the fire sufficiently to permit work in that portion of the debris.

The dead are: Ernest Greely, conductor; Thomas H. Roberts, flagman; S. A. Galbreath, brakeman; John Hutchinson, fireman.

FIENDISH MURDER.

Insane Husband Beat Wife Into Insensibility and Hacked Her With Butcher Knife.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 7.-Patrick Gibbons, aged 55, early yesterday killed his wife in a fiendish manner. While she was in the heat he beat her insensibility, then stabbed her in the breast with a butcher knife. A relative discovered the woman's mutilated body.

SETS SAMPSON RIGHT.

He Did Not Approve Proofs of Maclay's History.

Refused to Have Anything to Do With the Work When He Came to Section That Villified Hero of Santiago-Secretary Finished the Work-Friend Issues Statement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.-Colonel R. N. Thompson of this city, president of the United States Naval Academy Alumni association, makes a statement to the press in connection with the Schley inquiry in which he says:

"There is one story which I am very anxious should be truthfully presented to the public. After Maclay's book was published Mr. Maclay stated that his proofs had been submitted to the commanding officers, including Admiral Sampson, and that they approved his statements. A report calling upon Admiral Sampson when he was ill in his bed obtained from the admiral what appeared to be a confirmation of this statement. The admiral was asked if he had seen and read the proofs of Maclay's book and he said yes. But unfortunately he was too ill to go into the matter at any length and explain everything and as the public were informed, and Maclay believed that Admiral Sampson entirely approved the statement that Schley was a coward and a calf, which was the gist of Maclay's charge against Schley.

"I am in a position to state the true facts, and you may absolutely rely upon them as the truth. The proofs were sent by Maclay to Admiral Sampson, with request that they should be read and corrected. The admiral at the time was not in good health and did not wish to undertake the labor but his secretary pointed out that the Maclay history was a standard one and used at the Naval academy as a text book. This volume brought the history down through the period of the Spanish war and it was desirable that there should be no inaccuracies in it.

The admiral, therefore, consented to read them and he did correct a certain part of them, but as soon as he arrived at the part which contained the statement that Schley was a coward and a calf, he was very much angered and said the statement was one the author should not make, that it was unjust and unfair to speak of any naval officer in such terms and declined to have anything further to do with the proofs.

"Secretary Finished the Work." "His secretary, impressed with the great desirability of having the statements of facts accurate, and not believing that he was in any way responsible for the statements of opinions did, on his own account, compare the book with the records and make on the margins a number of corrections. As these were in the same handwriting as those made when Admiral Sampson was giving his personal attention to the corrections, Mr. Maclay was perfectly justified in his statement. The order of the secretary of the navy forbidding naval officers to make any statement for publication regarding this controversy, issued immediately after the incident, prevented the above correction being officially made.

"There is one other matter that has been brought up in which accusations of carelessness, to say the least, have been made against the gallant Wainwright, in connection with the chart of the battle of Santiago, prepared and printed in the so-called appendix, yet anyone reading the report accompanying the chart sees that there was no misrepresentation as to what it was. It did not claim to be and in the nature of things could not be absolutely correct. At the best there could only be as there was, a general discussion between the navigators, each putting down his ship where he thought it ought to be, and where there were differences of opinion, the majority had to decide as to what position was to be accepted and so the board reported.

"The chart in question, which shows, in a general way, the positions of the ships as accurate as in the nature of things we can make it, and in any event is an approximation of the truth. This description stands true today and all the criticism of Wainwright and the others is entirely unjust."

ANOTHER HAZING OUTRAGE.

Student at Beloit College Stripped, Beaten with Switches and Made to March Naked.

BELOIT, Wis., Oct. 7.-George F. Stockwell, a student in the preparatory department of Beloit college, was captured by the police when he was on the roof of the boiler house when the wall fell, and they were carried with it. None of them was injured.

DISTANT FIRE IN ALLEGHENY.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 7.-Fire yesterday in the Pittsburgh Clay Pot works in Allegheny damaged the plant to the extent of \$250,000, injuring six men and enforced an idleness of several months upon a force of 400 workmen. The injured men were firemen who were on the roof of the boiler house when the wall fell, and they were carried with it. None of them was injured.

RAILROAD BUYS A TOWN.

UNIONTOWN, Oct. 5.-The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad has bought the town of Marshall, and the Monaca-hela river, above Fayette City. This was done to get right of way through the town for the Pennsylvania railroad.

DESPOUND MAN SHOOT HIMSELF.

ALTOONA, Oct. 5.-Paul Vetter, aged 32 years, a music dealer and piano tuner, attempted suicide at his store-room by shooting himself in the side of the head about the right eye, with a bullet from a 38-caliber revolver. Financial troubles are attributed as the cause for the tragedy. His condition is hopeful.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

LAUGHLINTOWN-Whooping cough is epidemic at Laughlinton, where 30 of the 100 people have the disease. The school has been closed.

WAGYNEBURG-Frank Shaw was instantly killed in the bar mill of the Wagynburg Tinplate company plant by being drawn between the rolls. He was 27 years old and resided here.

UNIONTOWN - J. V. Thompson, James H. Barnes, Joseph E. Barnes of Uniontown and A. J. Doehner of Dawson have purchased a tract of 14,000 acres of valuable Pittsburgh vein coal at Wolf Summit, W. Va.

STRIKERS STONED THE CARS.

Much Disorder Attends Scranton Street Car Strike.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 7.-The trouble-makers strike yesterday was attended by more disorder than has occurred since the strike began. An imported conductor was struck by a stone through a car window and so badly injured that he had to be taken to a hospital.

All of the 15 cars that were kept running experienced rough treatment, stones being thrown through the windows from ambush and crowds along their route jostled and threatened by the non-union crews. Fifteen additional men were brought from Philadelphia during the afternoon. The company claims it has a hundred men to put to work this week and that all of the city lines will be in full operation. Very few passengers were carried on the cars yesterday. The strikers claim that most of the women who are seen riding on the cars are female detectives brought here from other places and put to work as decoy passengers.

MORMONISM A MENACE.

Pittsburg Woman Takes Strong Position Against Church.

BEAVER, Oct. 5.-A mass meeting of the missionary societies of the Presbytery of the Beaver Valley was held Thursday in the Presbyterian church, Mrs. J. R. Harrah presiding. Delegates were present from Beaver Falls, Brighton, Rochester, Freedom, Van Port, Industry and other points.

Mrs. S. S. Gibson of Pittsburg spoke in the afternoon on "The Menace of Mormonism." She spoke of the activity of the Mormons in missionary work, and declared that the Mormon hierarchy has absolute power to order its people to go to any part of the world on short notice and in any number necessary. Mrs. Gibson urged the importance of an amendment to the constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy.

The leading address before the convention at night was made by Rev. Dr. J. Milton Greene of Porto Rico, in charge of the educational work of the Presbyterian church in that island. He spoke of the unsurpassed fertility of the soil, the delightful climate and the docile people, of whom he had high hopes.

TRACTION COMPANY DEFIANT.

Announces Determination to Ignore Demands of Scranton Strikers.

SCRANTON, Oct. 5.-The Scranton railway strike is now a fight to a finish. After a long conference with the executive committee of the strikers, General Manager Sullivan and Vice President Clark of Philadelphia announced that the discharged men would not be reinstated under any circumstances, nor would any of the old men be reemployed who did not report for duty immediately.

The officials say they will arrange at once for other men to take the strikers' places.

ONE KILLED IN WRECK AT RENOV, PA.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Oct. 7.-A head-on collision occurred on the middle branch of the Pennsylvania railroad at Renov, 36 miles west of Renovo, yesterday between a passenger and a freight train, resulting in the death of Harry Studgrass of Renovo, engineer of the passenger train, and the serious injury of four of the freight crew. The injured are: William J. Buck of Renovo, both legs and shoulder broken; R. A. Fleming of Renovo, leg broken and back sprained; Harry Johnson of Renovo, head badly hurt. James Collins of Renovo, severely scalded.

DOZEN PEOPLE INJURED IN CHURCH.

READING, Pa., Oct. 7.-A dozen people were injured yesterday in St. Peter's catholic church by the fall of a temporary partition erected on the inside of the outer wall as a protection against the elements during alterations of the building. A great quantity of timber and bricks fell inward upon a portion of the congregation. The most seriously injured were: Miss Lillian Koch, Mrs. Thomas M. Cramer, Miss Esther Snyder, Mrs. George H. Ritz, Marie Allen. The main altar and many of the pews were broken.

MONDAY.

The United States legion at Constantinople asserts there is proof of complicity in the Macedonian committee in the kidnaping of Miss Stone.

Important testimony regarding the Brooklyn riot and changes made in her log was given before the Schley court of inquiry.

A funeral was stopped in Chicago that the dead man might be identified as leader in a conspiracy and an innocent man set free.

TUESDAY.

Sir Thomas Lipton intimated for the first time that he would again challenge for the American's cup.

Three Chinamen in Chinatown at San Francisco murdered by order of Sney Dou Tong, a highlander leader. Temporary partition in a Reading, Pa., church falls during services and over a dozen people were injured.

General Chaffee and supreme court justice at Manila at odds over jurisdiction in cases of military prisoners.

Violent gale sweeps over Great Britain, the British channel and Northwest Europe.

Austrian anarchist named Glynovich arrested for loitering about the Vatican. Reported he was aiming to murder the pope and Cardinal Rampulla.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Summary of the Week's News of the World.

Cream of the News Called From Long Dispatches and Put in Proper Shape For the Harried Reader Who Is Too Busy to Read the Longer Reports and Desires to Keep Posted on Events.

At the request of Dr. Mumm Von Schwartzstein, the German minister, seven Chinese have been tried and sentenced to be hanged for complicity in the murder of a German trader in a village near Pekin last month.

Julia Tinkany and Minnie Tinkany, 11 and 13 years old, respectively, swam across the Narrows at New York.

Sir Thomas Lipton took a spin aboard the old America, which brought the cup across the sea half a century ago.

In a battle between striking teamsters and police in San Francisco seven persons were wounded.

Points so far brought out by both parties to the Schley-Sampson controversy before the board of inquiry have been summarized.

Tradesman in Trenton, N. J., was threatened with two boycotts as a result of a church warfare.

For the first time since their accession the King and Queen of Italy visited Venice, the city being gay with color.

A special cable dispatch from Rome announces the death of Countess Charlotte Primi, daughter of Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte.

Hours attacked Fort Italia, on the Zulu border, but were repulsed, both sides being heavily.

Scenes of religious sympathy and grief on the death of President McKinley are being used in England as an argument for disestablishment, showing that a nation need not have an established church to be religious.

Arabi Pasha, pardoned by the khedive of Egypt, has returned to Cairo from his exile in Ceylon.

The battleship Indiana, ordered to sail for the West Indies, is expected to be ready to act if trouble occurs on the Isthmus of Panama.

Charles W. Morse has bought control of the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable company of America.

James M. Seymour, Mayor of Newark, was nominated for governor of New Jersey by the Democratic state convention.

Five negroes have been lynched and a white man killed in a Texas race war.

Captain Charles D. Sisbee was the chief witness before the Schley court of inquiry.

The war department received a cablegram from Major General Chaffee that the attack on Gonzalez C of the Ninth infantry, on the island of Samar, was due to treachery.

The condition of the French vineyards is causing an agitation in favor of asking Russia to reduce her tariff on French wines.

A special cable dispatch says that the marriage contract between Miss Helen Morton and the Count de Buzon de Talleyrand was signed in Paris.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Bradstreet's Report on the Condition of Business.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.-Bradstreet's review of trade says:

While speculative markets, except for cotton, show reactionary tendencies, general distributive trade and industries are active, and a heavy volume of business is being forward.

The feature of the week in cotton was the publication of the government report, showing the lowest condition, with one exception, in 18 years. Coming at a time when all the unfavorable features had been discounted, the market quickly responded in a quarter cent advance in futures and one-eighth cent in spots. Print cloths have been firm, with little doing at the recent advance. Staple cottons have been rather quiet, regards new demand, but jobbers and good business in prints, with a particular scope, are leading. A heavy volume of grain and other goods are being shipped. The new business in woolen goods is quiet, but the mills are busy on winter wear orders, and a large volume of their spring output has been booked. Wool is steady, former prices are insisted upon and consumption is heavy.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week aggregated 4,195,740 bushels, as against 4,470,252 bushels last week and 4,459,167 bushels in this week last year. Wheat exports, July 1 to date (14 weeks) aggregated 84,818,280 bushels, as against 86,035,363 bushels last season.

Corn exports aggregated 907,924 bushels, as against 1,287,702 bushels last week and 2,304,248 bushels last year. July 1 to date corn exports are 13,226,834 bushels, against 43,106,890 bushels last season.

Failures for the week number 175, as against 197 last week, 177 in this week a year ago, 148 last week and 194 in 1900.

For the week there have been 20 failures in Canada against 34 last week and 18 a year ago.

CONNELL WAS WARNED.

Had Taken Precautions to Prevent the Filipino Attack.

MANILA, Oct. 7.-Major Morris C. Foote of the Ninth United States infantry, who was returned here from the Island of Samar, was in Balangiga the day before the disaster to Company C. He says that Captain Connell had been fully warned and had taken what he (Major Foote) considered every necessary precaution. Information that a plot was brewing among the Filipinos was reported to Major Foote by a priest who said that it was the plans of the populace at both Balangiga and Basey to attack the garrisons and that the Basey garrison was to be attacked from a cock pit in the rear of the barracks. Orders were immediately given to demolish the cock pit and extra guards were stationed.

There is intense feeling throughout the army because of the massacre. Connell would not be the case to any such extent had it been the work of ordinary insurgents. The latter might have been expected to commit such an outrage. Feeling is being kept intense in military circles because the authorities believe the massacre were premeditated, most of whom had taken the oath of allegiance and many of whom, including the president of Balangiga, were actually holding office.

Some of the after effects are already showing at many points where stationed at Baulan and Calocan, in the provinces of Batanga and Manila, where disaffection is manifesting itself, although it is not likely to be allowed to go far.

On the other hand the officers and troops at all the garrisons throughout the archipelago feel that the disaster conveys a lesson to themselves of the necessity for increased vigilance.

VIOLENT STORMS IN EUROPE.

French Harbors Filled With Vessels in Refuge-Sudden Fall of Temperature.

PARIS, Oct. 8.-Violent storms are raging along the French coast, particularly Brittany. Many wrecks are reported in the channel. The harbor of Dunkirk and many northern harbors are crowded with vessels that have sought refuge. The storm extends even to the Mediterranean.

Much damage has been done by wind and rain at Belfort and at other places inland. Telegraphic and telephonic communication has been interrupted.

The heavy rains have been a sudden fall in temperature and the first snow of the season are reported from Hermentaut, Pontarlier and the Vosges mountains.

Indicted For Manslaughter.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Oct. 8.-The grand jury of this county has indicted George H. Mattice of Elmira for manslaughter in the slaying of Miss Stone, an engineer on the Delaware and Lackawanna and Western. Last June there was a wreck and explosion on that road near this city that resulted in the death of five men and the destruction of property for miles around. Mattice was engineer of the freight train that ran into the train on a siding and exploded 15 tons of dynamite.

Preachers' Wives' Association.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 8.-At a meeting of the Preachers' Wives' association, Methodist, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Foshtner; vice president, Mrs. Eli A. Huntington; secretary, Mrs. T. F. Harris; district secretaries, Auburn, Mrs. G. T. Moss; Cayuga, Mrs. E. E. Smith; Elmira, Mrs. Samuel Stoker; Geneva, Mrs. J. W. Webb; Syracuse, Mrs. J. B. Kenyon.

Killed by an Automobile.

BUFFALO, Oct. 8.-S. Lefpman, an old man, was run down and killed by an automobile owned by the New York Electric Vehicle company and driven by a man named Mason, who, it is alleged, was intoxicated. The accident occurred at Woodlawn avenue and Jefferson street. Mason was arrested and locked up on a charge of intoxication, but when it was learned that Lefpman was dead the charge was changed to manslaughter.

Heavy British Loss at Moclivil.

LONDON, Oct. 4.-The latest South African casualty list shows that the fighting in the attack on Colonel Kekewich's camp at Moclivil, Sept. 29, put 20 British officers out of action.

Four were killed outright or died of wounds and 29 were wounded, but Colonel Kekewich was wounded severely, but escaped.