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### Kidnaped Child is Returned to Father at Cleveland.

Whitla Paid the \$10,000 Ransom to a Woman and Son is Sent to Him at about the kidnapers." Hollenden Hotel-Willie Was Well

Little Willie Whitla, who has caused the police of the entire country endless worry since he was kidnapea from school in Saaron, Pa, last Thursday, was returned to his father at the Hollenden hotel, in Cleveland, Monday night. In compliance with an agreement entered into between the kidnaped boy's father and an agent of the kidnapers, the boy was placed on a street car on the outskirts of the city and started to the hotel shortly after 8 o'clock. Two boys, G. W. Ramsey and Edward Mahoney, recognized the lad on the car, and, taking him in charge, conducted him to his father, who was in waiting according to a prearranged plan which he had followed at the dictation of the kidnapers. The boy wandered about the hotel lobby unannounced for several minutes asking beliboys for his father before the latter knew his son was in the big foyer. The moment the anxfous parent heard that a strange boy was in the hotel sauntering in an aimless fashion, he rushed across the lobby, grasped him in his arms and smothered his face with kisses,

Lad Is Disguised. An attempt had been made to disguise the lad. He wore a pair of smoked glasses and a large tan cap, which was pulled down over his ears, and the father said it would have been difficult to have recognized the boy in such a garb had he passed him on the

Stripping off the boy's cap and the smoked glasses, Whitla revealed his boy's bare head for the first time. He lifted the lad high above his head so that every one might get a good view of the now famous youngster who came near to rivaling the "lost Charlie

Ross" of kidnaped fame, As soon as he could push his way through the crowd, Whitla, Sr., went to his room on the second floor. He carried the boy in his arms. For several minutes he was alone in the room with his schoolboy son. Then through the door came these words, spoken by the father to the boy's mother on the long distance telephone:

"Oh, mother, I have Willie here in my arms. He is safe. Glory to God, mama, it is the happiest night of my

There was a pause. The mother was pleading for her husband to return the boy to his home at once,

"I am sorry, mother," Whitla said. "I can't get a train out of here until & o'clock in the morning. But I will come home as soon as possible. You can trust me with him, little mother, can't you?"

Willie Was Well Treated.

Willie is in perfect health. He says he has been well treated and ever since his capture has been constantly indoors. He believes he was taken from Sharon to Warren and thence to Newcastle, Pa. It is his opinion, expressed in a happy schoolboy way, that he was in Ashtabula on Saturday night at the time his father was to leave his \$10,000 in Flatiron park.

Mr. Whitla said that he received a letter from the kidnapers at his home in Sharon, saying that if he called at a confectionery store in the east end of Cleveland he would be told how to secure his boy unharmed and "well

Makes Trip Aione.

Shortly after noon he left Sharon for Cleveland, He was unaccompanied. His immediate family and the private detectives he apprised of the proposed secret meeting, but insisted that he make the trip alone. Every one of them was warned that he must be allowed to go unheeded and no attempt at the capture of the kidnapers be made.

Whitla was certain that if he spoiled the plans of his son's captors he would never see the lad again, his experience at Ashtabula serving as a warn-

About 2 p. m. he went to a candy store in the east end. With him he carried \$10,000, expecting that it would be demanded of him there. He was met by a woman, who detailed to him the terms of the kidnapers. With all the eagerness of a distracted parent. Whitla agreed to them immediately. Half an hour later he returned to the Hollenden hotel and awaited developments.

Before leaving Mr. Whitla admitted he had paid \$10,000 to the woman in the candy store. It was in currency and bills. The woman did not count the money. Mr. Whitla believes the woman was an Italian, but he refuse: to disclose her identity.

Although Cleveland police believe the agent who met Whitla in the east end candy store is a party to the kid-

saping plot, Whitla refuses to agree with them. He says he thinks the woman merely acted as an intermediary in order to aid in the safe return of the boy. He asked the police not to arrest the woman, although he has a fair idea of her identity,

Whitla gave little encouragement to the police, who wanted to start their search immediately. He said: "After the lad is safe at home I will talk

Curry Throws Up Job. Governor Curry telegraphed to President Taft his resignation as governor of New Mexico.

FITCH ARRIVES IN NEW YORK Council Bluffs Man Nears End of His

Aimless Wanderings, Edward H. Fitch of Council Bluffs, secretary of the Iowa State Insurance company, who was lost on the continent four months ago while members of the United States consular service all over Europe vainly sought trace of him, arrived in New York on the

Mr. Fitch was plainly suffering from the after effects of the nervous attack which sent him wandering aimlessly about from one country to another. He went to Europe in the early fall on the first vacation that he had taken

in five years. Mr. Fitch said that he supposed from overwork and nervous strain he suffered a lapse of memory. He said he had not written home because he did not think there would be any anxlety regarding him, and the first he knew of the muss which his disappearance had created was when, having exhausted his funds, he went to Consul Crowninshield in Naples to ask for assistance in getting back to Amer-

### BALLOON LOST IN SIERRAS

#### Feared That Six Men in "America" May Have Perished.

Friends of the six men who ascended from Tournament park in Pasadena, Cal., Saturday in the big balloon "America" have been without word of them or the slightest knowledge of the fate that has overtaken the intrepid aeronauts. As far as informa- a small boy, who had crowded to the tion there goes, no human being has caught sight of the huge gas bag since it rose above the park enclosure, in

sight of 5,000 enthusiastic sightseers. The belief that some tragic fate has befallen the men which formed the party has led to the formation of many relief expeditions into various parts of the Sierra Madre mountains, directly over which the strong current carried the bailoon, when it had reached an altitude of a few thousand feet. There are three distinct mountain ranges before the Mojave desert is reached, fifty miles north of Pasadena. If the balloon is able to sail over this fifty-mile stretch of mountain chain and come to earth on the Mojave desert there is hope that the occupants of the basket, after tramping many weary miles, may be able to reach shelter. If the balloon was not able to cross the Sierras and was brought down among the mountains, only a miracle can save the men from death.

#### MRS. ATTA BANNER ACQUITTED Woman Who Kills Brother-in-Law Found Not Guilty.

Mrs. Atta Banner of South Omaha has been acquitted of the charge of murdering her brother-in-law, Fred

When the verdict was read, Marjorie King, for whose dishonor her mother killed Fred Banner, with girlish impulse threw her arms around her neck and implanted kiss after kiss upon her cheeks, and Mrs. Banner returned her daughter's affections with a few pats on her shoulder and smiles. She was not surprised at the verdict. Several women and men friends of the Banners gathered about the slender woman and kissed her or shook her hand. Her brother, Willis Hudspeth, was there to reassure her of his joy in her acquittal. Her attorneys, Henry Murphy and Matt Gering, congratulated her, and she, in turn, thanked them and told them how proud she

was of the defense they had made. Body of Russian Found in Trunk. The body of a Russian, Vladimir Tarasoff by name, was found in a trunk in a boarding house in Rome. The body had been locked up in the trunk, It is believed, for twenty-three days. A medical examination indicated that the man had been given a narcotic and placed in the trunk, dying of suffocation. There is no trace of the murderers, who are thought to have been two Russians who visited him

shortly before his disappearance. Railroads Denied New Trial.

The traffic officials and railroads convicted at Salt Lake, Utah, last January in the United States district court of conspiracy in connection with the refusal to deliver coal to an independent coal dealer were denied a new trial and will be sentenced on

### Ship Bearing Him and His Party Due at Naples April 3.

The Hamburg, Carrying Him to Europe, and the Admiral, on Which He Will Sail for Africa, Among the Finest Vessels Afloat.

Out on the "bosom of the ocean," as the writers have it, is Theodore Roosevelt with his party of lion hunters They are aboard the Hamburg-American line steamer Hamburg, which cast off her lines from her Hoboken pier Tuesday morning and to the music of the whistles of numerous ferryboats, tugs and other vessels sailed down New York bay with her distinguished passenger.

Accompanying Mr. Roosevelt-or Colonel Roosevelt, as some wise reporters addressed him on the pier, winning thereby a smile—are his son, Kermit Roosevelt; Major Edgar A. Mearns, medical corps, U. S. A., retired; Edmund Heller and J. Alden Loring. The last named three men accompany Mr. Roosevelt as representatives of the Smithsonian institution, while the younger Roosevelt is official photographer of the expedition.

Crowd on the Pier. The long pier to which the Hamburg was moored was jammed Tuesday morning with persons gathered to see the Roosevelt party sall. They made the pier ring with their cheers for the voyager from the time of his arrival from New York city until the Hamburg sailed. He was mightily pleased with the reception and showed his gratification by his smiles and the frequency with which he lifted his hat in response to greetings. To a request for a formal statement of his plans Mr. Roosevelt returned a smiling de nial. "It has all been printed over and over again," he said, "and I have noth-

ing to say Among the most enthusiastic of the cheering crowd when the Hamburg moved slowly away from her pier was very limit permitted by the authorities the steamship line. His last cry, "Goodby, Teddy; take care of yourself!" brought a smile even to the face of the ex-president, who seemed then

a little tired of smiling. About seventy-five friends and admirers of Mr. Roosevelt escorted him out to sea on board the big ocean going tug John J. Timmins, as guests of James S. Clarkson, surveyor of the port. An official character was given to the tug's trip by the presence on board of Captain Archibald Butt, milttary aide to President Taft, who went along as the representative of the

Two Fine Ships Carry Party. The Hamburg is due at Naples on

April 3: Mr. Roosevelt and his party will remain in the Italian city two ing a bicycle race on Friday. days, sailing thence on the Admiral of the German East African line on April 5. The Hamburg is one of the finest vessels of the Hamburg-American line and is the favorite ship of the German emperor. The Admiral is her equal in all the comforts and conveniences needed for the hot trip through We are sure you will like our Bread the Suez canal, down the Red sea and along the moist and sticky coast of East Africa. The Admiral is due at Mombasa, where the Roosevelt party turn. will disembark, on April 22.

On his arrival at Mombasa Mr. Roosevelt and his party will go direct to the estate of Sir Alfred Pease, a Quaker family, which is situated at Kilima Theki, Kapiti plains, British East African protectorate, and remain there for three months during the heavy rains.

Will Visit American in Africa. Afterward the Roosevelt party will go to Nairobi and pay a visit to the estate of Philip MacMillan, who is head of an American company that has a concession of 100 square miles in the district. They will cross Lake Victoria early in December to enter Uganda when the dry season commences in order to do the thirty-seven days' march to Gondokoro in fine

It is expected that the Roosevelt expedition will complete its trip through the dark continent in the spring of next year, reaching Cairo about April 1, 1910.

Suit to Dissolve Oil Trust Called. In the circuit court of the United States for the Eighth judicial circuit at St. Louis the suit of the federal government under the Sherman antitrust law to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey was called Tuesday. The judges who are hearing the arguments are Willis Van Devanter, William C. Hook, Walter H. Sanborn and Elmer B. Adams.

Miners Talk on Coal Strike. Unless the tri-district convention of anthracite miners which began in Scranton, Pa., Tuesday adopts plans for making further efforts to obtain

ment to take the place of the one which expires March 31 a strike of the hard coal miners will probably result.

Bowers to Succeed Hoyt. The president announced that he would appoint Lloyd Bowers to be solicitor general, vice Henry Hoyt, resigned. Mr. Bowers is general counsel for the Northwestern railroad, with headquarters at Chicago.

Fire Licks Up 28,000 Barrels of Whisky Fire starting in the main warehouse of the Searcy's distillery, at McBraynor, III., destroyed 28,000 barrels of whisky, valued at \$300,000.

### SIX INDICTED FOR GRAFT

Millionaire and Banker Caught by Pittsburg Grand Jury.

Six indictments, three for conspiracy, one for perjury and two for bribery, were returned in the Pittsburg graft cases. The men indicted are D. C. Byers, millionaire manufacturer, indicted jointly with Councilman John F. Klein, already twice convicted in the graft cases, and Councilman W. W. Weber, on a charge of conspiring to secure the passage of a street paving ordinance; C. F. Griffin, vice president of the Columbia National bank, charged with perjury in recent graft trials; Councilman Charles Stewart. charged with soliciting a bribe of \$2,-500, and H. L. Bolger, hotel proprietor, charged with being an accomplice of John F. Klein in demanding and accepting a bribe, for which Klein has already been convicted. Dallas C. Evers left for Europe for his health about the time the graft investigations began and has not returned.

#### PARISIAN STRIKE STILL ON Radicals Succeed in Postponing Final Action for a Day.

Although the French chamber of deputies, by a vote of 345 to 138, again sustained the government's position with reference to the strike of the postal employees in Paris, and several of the members of the strike committee consider the government's terms amply satisfactory, the hotheads at a big meeting succeeded in postponing final action for a day.

Not content with winning all the substantial points for which they contendea, including the elimination of Under Secretary Simyan, whose retirement, it is understood, is only a question of hours, the militant strike leaders want to force the government to a public confession of defeat by the dismissal of M. Simyan, who is obnoxious to the state employees.

Florida Beach Auto Races Begin. With the firing of the pistol start ing the Florida stock car price class race Tuesday morning the seventh annual international automobile races on Daytona (Fla.) beach began. The opening race will be followed by twen ty-one events, contested on four days, the last event of the speed carnival be-

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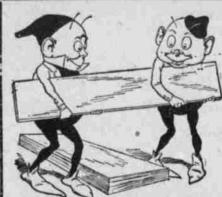
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