

GREAT SEARCH FAILS

MYSTERY OF LILLIE OLSON BAF- FLES NEBRASKA FARMERS.

Searchers Gather Around Residence of Distracted Parents in Gloom of Evening and None is Able to Offer Ray of Hope.

Shrouded in as great a mystery as ever is the fate of 4-year-old Lillie Olson, of Rosalie, Neb.

That her little body does not rest in the tall grass or in any of the holes and depressions of the ground found in the rolling prairie country in an area two by four miles in extent was proved Sunday when 800 searchers coming from Rosalie, Bancroft, Lyons, Walthill, Winnebago and Pender, Neb., made a systematic hunt for trace of the strangely missing child.

Every foot of the ground in this territory was closely examined by the friends of the grief stricken family without the slightest clew rewarding their efforts.

While the big party of searchers lacked an official head and thorough organization it followed a general plan that would have brought results had the body been in the territory covered.

Starting at noon from various places south and west of Rosalie bands of men began to scatter over the prairie in the great simultaneous effort to find some trace of the lost child. There was no gathering of all the forces at one place before the beginning of the hunt, but crowds congregated in several spots and each made its start as it thought best.

The general movement was eastward toward Rosalie and the Olson farm.

Moving slowly and carefully examining every nook the line advanced. By 1:30 o'clock all the parties had reached the Olson homestead, where a consultation was held, in which the lack of a single leader was evident. The line spread itself out to the north and south once more and with a steady tramp advanced another two miles. The same tactics of examining all possible hiding places were again followed. The men were but a few feet from each other. The idea that the body could have been missed seems incredible. For two miles in every direction from the Olson cabin the ground has been gone over so thoroughly that there seems to be no chance of the body of the baby being there.

SLAUGHTERED BY ROBBERS.

Kansas City Grocer and Wife Hacked with Meat Cleaver.

Louis R. Sternberg, a grocer at Fourth street and Walker avenue, Kansas City, Kan., was killed, and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Sternberg, was injured by unknown robbers, who attacked and robbed them in their store Saturday night. The victims of the outrage were not found until twelve hours later. An open can of sardines on a counter, a long iron bolt and a bloody meat cleaver near the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Sternberg supply the evidence of how the crime was committed. It is believed that the robbers asked for the sardines and as the grocer placed the open box before them they struck him down with the iron bolt and then beat his head into a pulp. The robbers then entered the living apartments back of the store and attacked Mrs. Sternberg with the meat cleaver. They split open her head and knocked out one of her eyes besides inflicting several brutal wounds on her body. She did not live through the night. Sternberg, who was 47 years old, recently took \$500 from a bank, and it is believed the robbers thought the money was hoarded in the store. They secured about \$75.

Shoots Two Women and Himself.

Otto Schmitzler, a Hungarian tailor, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster and seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence and then killed himself, at Columbus, O. It is said Schmitzler was infatuated with Miss Spence and that his advances had been repulsed.

Bomb Thrower Pleads Guilty.

Kemp V. Bigelow, the young clerk formerly of Bryan, O., who mailed dynamite bombs to several leading citizens of Denver two months ago in the hope of securing rewards by giving warning before any harm was done, pleaded guilty in the criminal court at Denver, Colo., Saturday.

Many Deaths on Cholera Steamer.

Mail advices from Hongkong tell of the arrival of a cholera steamer, the Hong Bee, which was quarantined with 1,236 Chinese on board, from Singapore for Swatow. Thirty-eight deaths had occurred when the steamer Shawmut sailed.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beeves \$4.50@5.50. Top hogs, \$4.25.

FUNSTON SEES PERIL.

General Fears Serious Trouble at Goldfield.

After having met and conferred with many citizens of Goldfield, Nev., Friday, Gen. Funston stated Friday night that he is finding conditions there worse than he anticipated.

"The possibility of further trouble growing out of the difficulties between the mine owners and the miners," he said, "are greater than any information previous to my coming there had led me to believe. I have just telegraphed a second report to Washington, which is based on the information I have gathered. I do not believe the government will declare martial law at once as no serious disturbance has occurred. I shall not advise such action until it is absolutely necessary. As to the matter of patrolling the vicinity of the mines and the streets of the city with the regulars, that is a procedure that may become necessary at any hour."

The statement of Gen. Funston settles the question of the withdrawal of the troops. Neither Gen. Funston nor Gov. Sparks will yield to the pressure that has been brought to induce them to favor the withdrawal of the troops before the arrival of the labor commissioner from Washington.

Saturday a delegation of women composed of the Women's club, of Goldfield, called on Gen. Funston and laid before him their side of the question, which was that previous to the coming of the troops they had lived in constant terror, believing that their homes might be destroyed and their lives endangered by violence or degradation. They asked that the troops be kept there until all danger of trouble is past.

BAD AIR WORSE THAN BAD FOOD

Former Kills a Thousand Persons to One Victim of Latter.

"Foul air from improper ventilation is the breath of death in any great city. While poor food is causing one death, improper ventilation is reaping a harvest of 1,000 lives. Nor is this ratio confined to the slums."

In these words Commissioner of Health W. A. Evans, in a speech at the Fort Dearborn club, in Chicago, expressed his belief that the atmosphere of many houses is charged with a more deadly poison than impure food.

"In strict figures, consumption and pneumonia have the greatest death rates in our city. In almost every case of these diseases, the primary cause is the breathing of foul air," he said. In speaking of food Dr. Evans declared America is affected with an epidemic of "overfeeding." Overnutrition is doing far more harm than not having enough to eat.

KIDNAPERS ARE CAUGHT.

Girl Stolen in Chicago Last Saturday is Found.

Lillian Wulff, aged 10 years, who was kidnaped last Saturday afternoon from her home in Chicago, was found Friday in Mokenca, Ill. A man and woman who were with her were arrested. They gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, and say they were on the way from Pennsylvania to Missouri, where they intended settling. They refuse to discuss the kidnaping.

The child declares they picked her up on the streets of Chicago, put her in a wagon and drove away. The child acknowledged her name and said she had been traveling under the name of Jones. According to her story, she escaped once while on the road between Kankakee and Chicago, but was recaptured.

PREDICTS BLOODY REVOLT.

Educator Looks for a Great Uprising in China.

Prof. D. L. Anderson, president of the Foo Chow university, who arrived in San Francisco on the liner Siberia, believes that upon the death of the empress dowager China will be the scene of a bloody revolution. That revolution, he believes will mark China's entrance into the parliament of the world as a power to be reckoned with.

Prof. Anderson, who has spent many years in China, says the people of China are now wide awake to the necessity for education; that the power of the people is steadily growing; that at the same time the populace and its rulers were drifting further apart.

NOMINATION WITHDRAWN.

Oregon Attorney Fails to make Good in Prosecutions.

It was announced at the department of justice in Washington Thursday that the nomination of W. C. Bristol, United States attorney for Oregon, which had been sent to the senate, would be withdrawn in accordance with the department's recommendation to the president.

"Mr. Bristol's course with reference to the land fraud prosecutions in Oregon has been unsatisfactory to the department, and the action of the department is due to this fact and to the attitude taken by Mr. Bristol in some recent telegraphic correspondence with the department."

Hackenschmidt is Winner.

In the heavyweight wrestling match in Grand Rapids, Mich., between Carl Pons, of New Orleans, and Charles Hackenschmidt, of Des Moines, Ia., Hackenschmidt won the second and third falls and the match.

Hanging in Chicago.

Richard Walton, colored, was hanged in Chicago on Friday, the 13th, for the murder of Mrs. Louise White Grant last September.

AT DENVER JULY 7.

Democrats Name Time and Place for Convention.

After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Colo., and fixing the date of the meeting on July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee, in session in Washington, D. C., late Thursday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton, of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia, spoke in favor of the passing of the resolution.

Mr. Smith was especially emphatic in saying that the \$100,000 which had been offered to secure the Republican convention and refused by the Republican national committee had been offered to and was about to be accepted by the Democratic committee. He said the Republicans had turned down the offer because it was regarded as in the nature of a bribe and that Democrats, in view of that circumstance, could not afford to accept it.

Mr. Williams spoke in a similar vein, as also did Mr. Clayton.

Mr. Taggart advocated the acceptance of the \$100,000, saying it would be needed now even worse than money was needed in 1900, and that at that time it would have been practically impossible to have opened headquarters for Judge Parker if they had not had the extra money secured from St. Louis, where the convention was held. Senator Stone, of Missouri, made a long speech in which he favored the acceptance of the money.

INDICT FATHER AND SONS.

Four Accused as Result of Brooklyn Bank Failure.

John G. Jenkins, formerly president of the First National bank, of Brooklyn, and his three sons were indicted by the Kings county grand jury Thursday on charges of conspiracy and perjury. This is the first indictment against the elder Jenkins, but his sons already had been indicted on other charges. They are John G. Jenkins, Jr., former president of the Jenkins Trust company; Frank Jenkins, former president of the Williamsburg Trust company, and Frederick Jenkins, a director in these institutions. The doors of all these institutions were closed several weeks ago.

The four Jenkins had been warned that they would be wanted in court and were present to be arraigned. Their counsel pleaded not guilty in their behalf, and bail for John G. Jenkins, Sr., was fixed at \$10,000, while that of his sons was made \$2,500 as they are already under heavier bail in other cases. The charges against them are based on the loans alleged to have been made by the First National bank of Brooklyn and the two trust companies to the accused men. It is charged that they entered in a conspiracy to secure these funds in excess of 10 per cent of the paid in capital stock of the various concerns, and that reports to the state superintendent of banks were so falsified by them as to conceal the fact that the loans were made. The charges of perjury were based on this alleged concealment.

ALICE LOSES APPENDIX.

Mrs Longworth is Operated Upon Thursday.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, daughter of President Roosevelt, was Thursday operated upon for appendicitis at the White House. Dr. Finney, of Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., assisted by Dr. Sophie Nordhoffjung, of Washington, performed the operation. Dr. Rixey at 11:30 announced the operation on Mrs. Longworth was successful in every way and that she was gradually recovering from the influence of the anaesthetic.

The president was at the scene of the operation until it had been completed. On being informed it was successfully accomplished he returned to his office and took up his routine work.

It is stated that Mrs. Longworth has been ailing for some time, but her condition has not been regarded as critical or serious. No apprehension is entertained as to the outcome of the operation, as her condition was declared excellent just prior to its execution.

For Another National Holiday.

Representative Goulden, of New York, introduced a bill in the house making Oct. 12 a national holiday for the celebration of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, Oct. 12, 1492. The day would be known as Discovery Day.

To Continue Low Rate.

The Southern railway has agreed to keep in force the 2 1/2-cent passenger rate in Alabama until the other state rate questions are settled.

Kneels to Pray; Finds Thief.

When Elizabeth Glauber, of Pittsburgh, Pa., aged 12, knelt beside her bed to say her prayers one night recently, she knelt on the hand of a burglar hiding under the bed.

To Aid Japan in Washington.

W. D. Stevens, the American diplomat who has just been appointed adviser to the Japanese ambassador at Washington, is en route to America.

News of Nebraska

CUTS ICE TO SEEK DEATH.

Woman Drowns Herself in Creek Near Lyons.

Frenzied by the fear that she would be compelled to end her days in an insane asylum Mrs. Charles Wehrer, of South Omaha, drowned herself in Logan creek at Lyons after preparing her water grave by chopping a hole in the ice.

Mrs. Wehrer had been a visitor for the past month at the home of her mother, Mrs. Thomas McCormick, who lives on the Fremont. Everett the tragically took place is one-quarter of a mile from the house. On the bank of the creek, pinned to her shawl, this pathetic note was found:

"My mind is all right, but I fear it will not always be so. I prefer death in a watery grave to the asylum."

On the bank of the dreary creek the woman's shawl was found, to which had been attached the note. She had chopped a hole in the ice, into which she evidently deliberately crawled. The body was found in about six inches of water. The body was removed and Dr. J. B. Sward, of Oakland, called a coroner's inquest.

The woman gave no intimation of her intentions, and the finding of her body was attended with much pathos. She had been in an asylum once, and she always feared she would have to return. However, she showed no signs of insanity at the time she last was about her mother's home, where she appeared to be enjoying life. She was 45 years of age.

The dead woman was the wife of Charles Wehrer, who is employed in the Cudahy packing house at South Omaha. She leaves two young daughters, who are with the father, and a 9-year-old son, who was with her on her fatal visit in quest of health.

AGED WOMAN CLAIMS AN ESTATE

Is a Sister of the Sells Brothers of Circus Fame.

Charles Robinson, of Tecumseh, will depart for Columbus, O., within a few days, where business matters of unusual importance calls him. His mother, Mrs. Aesenth Robinson, of Tecumseh, is a sister of the late Sells brothers, circus men of wide renown. Upon the death of her mother many years ago, Mrs. Robinson claims she should have come into possession of a large amount of the estate, valued at nearly \$100,000, but she says her brothers got hold of the entire estate of the parents and invested it in the circus business. For many years Mrs. Robinson tried to settle with her brothers, she claims, but could apparently do nothing. Now the last of the Sells brothers of circus fame, Lewis Sells, has passed away. For many years Mrs. Robinson has retained an attorney at Columbus, the home of the Sells, to care for her interests, and now this attorney writes the woman that there is a possibility of her getting a settlement from the heirs of the Sells brothers. During all these years the woman has scarcely enjoyed the necessities of life, while her brothers became many times millionaires. With a chance for a settlement in sight, age has fastened its clutches upon the woman, and she is not able to journey to Columbus, and so her son is going to look to her interests. Should Mrs. Robinson come into possession of the money she claims rightfully belongs to her, she would enjoy it for but a brief time, for she is old and infirm and not long for this world.

TO FIGHT OMAHA SALOONS.

Citizens Organize a Branch of Anti-Saloon League.

At a meeting in Omaha at the Lyric theater the nucleus of a local branch of the Anti-Saloon league of Omaha was formed, when fifty prominent citizens subscribed to an obligation to take up and push the objects of that organization. These fifty men will go to work at once to form a permanent organization in Douglas county, with a full set of officers. The meeting was presided over by W. T. Graham, a prominent real estate man, and the principal speaker was Dr. Samuel Z. Batten, president of the Anti-Saloon league of Nebraska, and pastor of the First Baptist church of Lincoln. Dr. Batten said a set of books was being kept in which the record of every officeholder who failed to enforce the law might be found. The principal part of the business of the league, he said, would be to dig the political graves of these men. Dr. Batten said the entire state soon would be organized.

Damage Case Appealed.

Frank Anderson, who was injured in the Union stock yards at South Omaha and who prosecuted a suit for \$5,000 damages unsuccessfully in Douglas county against the stock yards company, has appealed his case to the supreme court. He alleges as error that the trial judge struck out of his petition the allegation that he company should have maintained automatic couplers.

Resources of the State.

Labor Commissioner Ryder has figured that the corn and wheat crop of Nebraska alone this season will bring enough money to pay the expenses of the fleet of the United States on its trip to the Pacific and will buy all the new battleships needed and then have a goodly number of millions left over.

Pickpocket on a Street Car.

William Gentleman lost his pocket-book while on a Hanscom Park car near Sixteenth and Howard streets, Omaha. There was \$30 in money and a \$9 check in the purse. He thinks it was the work of a smooth pickpocket.

Roosevelt Republican Club.

A Roosevelt Republican club has been organized by a number of the leading Republicans of Hastings. It has a membership of 145.

FIND CHILD'S FOOTPRINTS.

No Other Reward for Searchers in Nebraska.

With much fortitude the searchers for 4-year-old Lillie Olson, who has been missing for several days at Rosalie, worked unwaveringly Thursday, ceasing only when stopped by darkness. A. W. Craig, one of the persistent searchers, says he discovered footprints of tiny feet two and one-half miles south of the Olson home, and that he discovered several spots where the child had laid down on her pilgrimage in search of home. The footprints were near the Burlington railroad track and a quarter of a mile from McMillan's lake.

Here all trace was again lost. The men who are adding in the hunt formed themselves into a human chain by taking hold of hands and looked over every inch of the territory supposed to have been traversed by the wandering child to no avail. The searchers were led by ex-sheriff Gallagher.

The father of the child has offered a reward, but this is no inducement for the strenuous effort which is being made to locate the whereabouts of the missing baby girl. While most of the searchers believe the dead body of the child will be found there are others who cling to the theory that she has been kidnapped.

SHOCK FOR PRISONER.

Governor Says He Will Decide His Case on Friday, the 13th.

Gov. Sheldon Tuesday evening concluded a two days' hearing held in the interest of Harrison Clarke, the negro murderer under sentence to be hanged in the state penitentiary Friday, the 13th. Clarke, who practically acted as his own attorney, made a plea that was at times eloquent. When Gov. Sheldon indicated that the hearing was at an end Clarke turned to him and said:

"Governor, what kind of a message can I send to my old mother in Missouri?"

Gov. Sheldon told him he had not fully reached a decision.

"When will you reach a decision, governor?" persisted Clarke.

"On Friday, the 13th," was the reply.

Gov. Sheldon visited the cells of Gathright and Wain, the two accomplices of Clarke, who have already been convicted and sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary, and questioned them concerning the murder. As the men have nothing to gain or lose Gov. Sheldon hopes to secure from them a truthful story of the crime, and will base his action accordingly.

TEN YEARS FOR SHOOTING.

Charles Hunter, Who Fires Bullet, is Sent to Lincoln.

For starting a small one-sided battle in the Wright residence at 3219 Pinkney street, Omaha, Charles Hunter, a negro, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Troup. Hunter entered a plea of guilty to the charge of shooting Stella Wright with intent to kill.

The shooting took place Nov. 26, about midnight. Miss Wright and Hunter had been lovers, but had quarreled. Hunter went to her home for the purpose of making up before going to Kansas City and they renewed their love. Hunter drew a revolver and fired twice at the girl and then opened upon her parents. Miss Wright was shot twice, but not seriously.

Hunter also pleaded guilty to robbing the pawnshop of Isidor Friedman of \$46 worth of goods, including three revolvers. The burglary happened the night before the shooting. As the two sentences would have to run concurrently, Hunter was not sentenced under the burglary charge.

SHOOTS HIS BROTHER.

Charles Meyers Severely Wounded in Fight Near Lyons.

Crazed by drink, Charles Meyers, who lives with his brother, Andrew Meyers, on a farm six miles north of Lyons, chased the members of his brother's family from the farm house recently.

On the return of his brother, Andrew Meyers, he ambushed him between the barn and the house and severely injured him. Andrew then shot his brother, the bullet penetrating and breaking the jaw bone. The frightened women notified the town marshal, who with a posse went and placed Charles Meyers under arrest.

Boy Escapes from Officer.

Charles Allen, 13 years of age, was taken from 1213 Chicago street in Omaha by probation officers Monday and sent to the St. James orphanage at Benson. Before the officer who took him returned to the office a telephone message announced that James had departed for parts unknown and the officers are now looking for him.

Dry Farming Congress.

A call has been issued for a trans-Mississippi dry farming congress to meet in Lincoln, Jan. 23-26, for the purpose of boosting dry farming methods. The governor is asked to appoint Nebraska delegates to the meeting. The call is issued by Fisher Harris, of Salt Lake City.

Object to Insurance Company.

Lincoln insurance men appeared at the auditor's office to protest against admitting to business in the state the Great Western insurance company, of Kansas City. The objections were verbal and will later be reduced to writing.

Dates for Wisner Stock Show.

The directors of the Wisner Live Stock Show and Agricultural association at a meeting Saturday set the dates for the 1908 show for Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

STOESSEL ON TRIAL; PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Officer Who Defended Port Arthur Charged with Surrendering Fort.

DISPLAY OF RUSSIAN POMPS.

Crippled and Star-Spangled Veterans Who Fought Japan at Fortress There in Force.

Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comrades in arms, Lieut. Gen. Stoessel was placed on trial in St. Petersburg to answer with his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on Jan. 1, 1905, and in firm tones and with confident manner the general pleaded not guilty to the charge of needlessly surrendering the fortress and thereby humiliating the Russian army.

The trial took place in the auditorium of the Army and Navy Club. The room resembled more a social gathering of officers of high rank than the scene of a court martial. Among the judges, spectators, and witnesses were Gen. Kuropatkin, Gen. Linevich, Gen. Rennenkampf, Vice Admiral Wiron, and scores of other prominent leaders in the Russo-Japanese war. There were



LIEUT. GEN. STOESSEL.

also present 200 officers and soldiers who had been at Port Arthur and who were clad in their full dress uniforms blazoning with stars and decorations.

Gen. Stoessel alone was in civilian attire, and this made him conspicuous. He wore proudly around his neck the cordon of the military order of St. George, which was conferred upon him by the emperor during the siege, and on his breast was pinned the cross of George III., awarded the general for conspicuous bravery in frontier-fighting.

This same coveted decoration was worn by many of the witnesses and spectators. Empty sleeves and crutches, especially among the men who had been at Port Arthur, showed that many of them had seen hard service during the war.

CHICAGO THE WINNER.

Republican National Convention to Be Held There June 16.

The Republican national convention of 1908 will be held in Chicago, June 16. This was the decision reached by the Republican National Committee in session at Washington, Chicago having thirty-one votes on the first ballot, against eighteen for Kansas City and four for Denver.

Chicago won on a guarantee to pay the legitimate expenses pertaining to the convention, and without any promise to raise the nucleus of the campaign fund for the national committee which will be chosen to prosecute the work looking to victory at the election in the fall.

It was pointed out at the meeting of the national committee that the next convention of the party will develop the only real contest incident to the nomination of a presidential ticket since 1888, and that in consequence a great crowd will be attracted. Chicago was the city that offered the facilities to care for the crowd, as well as the best facilities for the transmission of the news of the convention to 90,000,000 people vitally interested in every feature of its action.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Chinese troops in Formosa mutilated and killed sixty-three Japanese.

Horace McKinley of Portland, Ore., bored his way out of jail at Mukden.

Two hundred students at Kiev, Russia, were arrested to quell an incipient riot.

Richard Croker announced his intention of leaving Ireland to spend the winter in Egypt.

The Pope postponed until January the consistory which was to have taken place in December.

Admiral Sir Francis Leopold McClintock, a mainstay of the British navy, died in London.

The King of Spain was entertained at a ball given in the subterranean palace of the Duke of Portland.

A stone hurled through a car window in St. Petersburg injured the Austrian ambassador, but not seriously.

It was reported that the Earl of Yarmouth would seek a divorce from his wife, a sister of Harry K. Thaw.

Miss Mary Robinson, a witness in the famous Druce case, fainted in a London court room, where she was testifying.

The session of the Russian drama opened without extraordinary scenes, it being in marked contrast to former meetings.