

## KIDNAPERS IN TOILS; \$9,790 CASH FOUND

Woman Arrested at Cleveland Confesses She and Man Were Plotters Against Boy.

### WILLIE WHITLA AT HOME AGAIN

Confession of Prisoner Hints That Trouble May Be Expected in City of Sharon.

William Whitla is now safe with his father, and the hunt in which hundreds of detectives and police have searched scores of cities since the little boy was kidnaped from his school in Sharon, Pa., on Thursday, is ended.

The father turned over to a woman, the agent of the kidnapers, the \$10,000 ransom they demanded. He then returned to the Hollenden Hotel, in Cleveland, and awaited the arrival of the boy, according to instructions delivered by the woman, Willie, several hours later, walked in. He had been sent in from the edge of town on a car.

Mr. Whitla not only had given the woman the ransom, but he had placed in her hands all the letters he had received from the gang and promised he would give no clue that could lead to her identification.

A woman and a man with \$9,790 in currency in their possession were arrested in Cleveland Tuesday night, and the police declare beyond doubt they are the kidnapers of 8-year-old Willie Whitla of Sharon, Pa., who was returned to his father Monday evening.

What is believed a threat against the Whitla family was uttered as a boast by the woman as she was taken into the Central Police Station. Apparently befuddled by liquor, she said in answer to questions:

"I am the one who planned the whole thing. There will be trouble for me and him in Sharon to-morrow."

Beneath the woman's skirt was found the \$9,790. All of it but \$40 was bound in packages with the original slips placed on the money when Whitla took it from the bank still around it.

Captain Norman Shattuck and Detective Frank Wood made the arrests in the east end of the city. When near the police station the man broke away from Detective Wood and ran toward an alley. Shattuck fired two shots from his revolver into the air and the man stopped.

The woman appears to be well educated and is refined in manners. She says she spent fifteen years of her life in a convent in Pennsylvania, but denies that she has ever been in trouble before. Both the man and the woman deny that they know the name of each other. They admit that they are not man and wife.

According to the police, the two were intoxicated when placed in custody. Due to their condition they were not questioned closely by the police and were locked in separate cells. The man says that he has been a resident of Cleveland for seventeen years. He claims to have a mother and a sister there. Captain Shattuck is said to have secured his description of the kidnapers from Willie Whitla, and this description led to the arrest.

Willie Whitla told Captain Shattuck that the woman who kept him a prisoner had smallpox scars on her face. The woman in custody has red spots on her cheeks and appears to have had smallpox. She is a tall blonde, probably 25 years old. She was dressed in a black silk skirt, a gray coat and black hat. The man is dark and smooth faced.

Tuesday detectives heard that a man and a woman answering the description of the kidnapers had been seen on the outskirts of the city. They came downtown and bought numerous articles of clothing, tendering \$5 and \$10 bills in payment, it was learned. Later a report came that the two had left a package in a downtown store, which proved to consist of discarded clothing.

Captain Shattuck and Detective Wood trailed the man and woman around the business district of the city for several hours during the afternoon, but delayed taking them into custody.

### GOV. CURRY DECIDES TO STAY.

Withdraws Resignation Upon Request from President Taft.

Governor Curry, in response to a telegram from Washington, has telegraphed President Taft withdrawing his resignation as Governor of New Mexico. The Governor refused to make public the telegram he received from President Taft, saying publicity must come from the White House, if at all. It is known, however, that the message contained an expression of President Taft's confidence in Governor Curry, and of his support, and requested the Governor to reconsider his resignation.

### PADEREWSKI IS DISABLED.

Attack of Rheumatism Forces Pianist to Abandon Tour.

Ignace Paderewski, the famous pianist, has been totally incapacitated from playing in public for the present, at least, and it may be years before he is able to give a concert. Seized in Milwaukee suddenly with rheumatism in both arms, Paderewski has canceled all the dates of the tour he was on and started at once for New York for medical treatment.

### KIDNAPED BOY, MOTHER, AND HOME OF FAMILY.



WILLIE WHITLA



THE WHITLA HOME IN SHARON, PA.

MRS. JAMES P. WHITLA.

### TORNADO HITS SOUTHWEST.

One Man Is Killed and Many Buildings Razed at Laredo.

One person was killed, four others were injured and property damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused by a tornado which swept through Laredo, Texas, and vicinity Tuesday night and destroyed wire communication north of Laredo. The casualties occurred when the roundhouse of the Mexican National Railroad was demolished. The orphanage of the Sisters of Guadalupe, on Loma Vista Heights, was destroyed, but the occupants escaped the falling walls and were rescued. The houses of Messrs. May, McCulloch, Barnett, Andrews, Moore and Scovil were blown down and many other houses were damaged. The storm was felt as far south as Lajarita, on the National Railroad.

### \$300,000 FIRE IN DEPOT.

Louisville Union Station Blaze Perils Passengers—Chief Clerk Injured.

Fire caused by crossed wires in the attic resulted in a loss of \$300,000 to the union depot, in Louisville, Ky., and for a time threatened to destroy the structure. The flames spread with remarkable rapidity and employees had great difficulty in making their escape. Women waiting for the arrival of the New Orleans special fainted and were carried from the building, while G. T. Roach, chief clerk to Superintendent A. J. Egan, jumped from a window and sustained dangerous injuries. The depot was destroyed on a former occasion by the famous cyclone in March, 1890.

### GREAT BRIDGE DYNAMITED.

Hammond and Indiana Harbor, Ind., Shaken by Explosion.

One-half million dollars' worth of property was destroyed, hundreds of lives were imperiled and the cities of Hammond and Indiana Harbor, Ind., were shaken from end to end by an explosion of nitroglycerin that completely wrecked the steel construction work of the new Lake Shore Railroad bridge that is being built at Indiana Harbor. The explosion is declared to have been the result of labor troubles between union workmen and the Pittsburg Construction Company of Pittsburg, which is building the bridge.

### AGRICULTURAL NOTE.



A bumper baseball crop is expected.

### Mother and Son Found Dead.

A party of Old Fellows on their way to the home of William Brash, near Wetaskia, Alberta, found the body of Brash's mother, aged 82, a quarter of a mile from the home. In the house they found the son sitting in a chair dead. It is thought the son became ill and the mother was stricken going for assistance.

### GOV. CURRY QUILTS POST.

Executive Who Thrashed an Editor Resigns Office.

Governor George Curry has telegraphed to President Taft his resignation as Governor of New Mexico. The Governor stated that although he had contemplated taking this action for several months, the immediate cause of his resignation was that he had requested a leave of absence to go to Washington to talk with President Taft and the Secretary of the Interior on matters of great importance to New Mexico, not pertaining to statehood, but that Secretary of the Interior Ballinger had answered that he should take up the business by letter.

Governor Curry on Saturday beat A. J. Loomis, editor of the Eagle, a Democratic weekly, in his private office at the territorial capitol building for printing in last week's issue of that paper a long article on statehood and the statehood lobby, which the chief executive construed as a reflection upon his integrity.

Loomis and his friends immediately started a movement to have Governor Curry removed from office, and were preparing charges to be filed against him with both President Taft and Secretary Ballinger.



Dorando, the Italian runner, easily defeated five opponents running in relays in the fifteen-mile race at St. Paul.

The Columbus American Association club has purchased Third Baseman La Rue from the Marion (Ohio) team.

Jockey Eddie Dugan got a penalty of two weeks for trying to block Fanatic in the final furlong of the race at Oakland.

The Minnesota-Wisconsin base ball league has decided to stay with the organization and keep out of the Twin Cities this year.

High Private, owned by the Forsythe stable, won the California Derby at Emeryville, covering the mile and a quarter in 2:13. It was worth \$5,360.

A bill introduced in the Arkansas Legislature allows racing in that State forty days in the year, under a State commission.

August Belmont has established the famous race horse Henry of Navarre as a public stallion in England, and the horse, now 18 years old, by Knight of Ellerslie—Moss Rose, has been announced to stand at Lordship Farm, Newmarket.

So far only two trotting associations—Lexington and Columbus—have announced three handicap races, and they are worth \$53,000. Kalamazoo and Detroit are almost certain, each with a \$25,000 event, with many others to be announced soon.

Consul John H. Snodgrass reports from Kobe that it is given out that the Japanese government will ask the diet next session to appropriate a sum amounting to \$175,000 annually for improving the breed of horses, and that this amount will be divided among thirteen race clubs.

## ROOSEVELT SAILS AS GREAT CROWD CHEERS

Ex-President Starts to Africa After Fighting His Way Through Thousands.

### CROWD BESIEGES THE STEAMER

Journey to Pier an Ovation—Delegations with Bands, Besides Distinguished Diplomats, Present.

Theodore Roosevelt sailed Tuesday from his native land for the wilds of East Africa in search of big game. From his country home at Oyster Bay to the steamship dock in Hoboken the ex-President's trip resembled a triumphal march, the feeling of the crowds which had gathered to wish him good luck being expressed all along the way in enthusiastic cheers. When he arrived at the Hamburg-American Line pier, where he boarded the steamship Hamburg, the former President found a throng of his fellow countrymen gathered. He smiled and bowed right and left in acknowledgment of the salutations of the assemblage and evidently was pleased over

### FLOOD SWEEPS TOWN.

Two Killed and Several Hurt by Bursting of Reservoirs.

Three persons were killed, three others probably fatally injured and many more slightly hurt, while ten or more houses were completely wrecked and forty more badly damaged when the two large water tanks supplying the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., with water burst early Friday. As two explosions were heard just before the collapse of the huge water towers, it is believed they were blown up with dynamite by some miscreant.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waggle and small child. The bodies were found in the ruins of their home. The seriously injured are: Mrs. John Maloney, both legs broken, hurt internally; probably will die. Mrs. Kate Karnees, invalid, badly bruised and shocked; may die. Clara Jones, colored, hurt internally; probably will die.

The towers burst at 5:30 a. m. and the immense stream of water rushed down Prospect hill, sweeping everything before it. Houses were swept into the street and the residents were knocked from their beds. All the members of one family, while sleeping in an upstairs room, were carried down a street seventy-five yards, their house being split almost into splinters, yet all escaped injury except one girl, whose collar bone was broken. The two huge tanks contained the entire city supply of water and a water famine is now imminent.

The damage will amount to between \$200,000 and \$250,000. The St. John's

### AU REVOIR, BUT NOT GOOD BY!



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT OFF FOR AFRICA.

the warmth and sincerity of the demonstration.

One of the last things Mr. Roosevelt did before the steamer left the dock was to send a telegram to President Taft acknowledging the receipt of several pictures and a message of good cheer. The telegram read: "Parting thanks, love and sincerity."

With the departure of Mr. Roosevelt begins perhaps the most interesting journey ever undertaken by an ex-President of the United States. General Grant circled the globe, but it was for the most part in the beaten path of travel, while Mr. Roosevelt is going into a wild and almost unexplored country.

On his arrival at the Hamburg-American Line pier at Hoboken Mr. Roosevelt was greeted with bands playing, flags flying and several thousand people assembled to wish the distinguished traveler Godspeed. He was beaming with good nature and enthusiasm about the trip. Everything was "fine" and "bully" to Mr. Roosevelt and he acknowledged the cheering by repeatedly raising his hat.

### Woman and Children in River.

The bodies of Mrs. Amos Miller and her two children were found in the Farmington River at Simsbury, Conn. The children had been tied together before drowning ensued, and, through a note left by Mrs. Miller, the probability is strong that she took their lives and her own while mentally depressed.

Lutheran Church was almost completely demolished, but through its sacrifice many lives were spared and much more damage prevented, as it was directly in the path of the water.

### ENGLAND TO BUY WAR SHIPS?

Will Get Three Dreadnoughts from Brazil, Says Revived Rumor.

The naval scene in England has been revived by rumors that the British government is considering the purchase of three war ships of the Dreadnought type, now being built in England for Brazil. In the House of Commons the opposition speakers made a strong effort to force the hands of the government into giving a guarantee that four "conditional" Dreadnoughts would be laid down. Premier Asquith declined to promise anything except that the vessels would be built if Germany continued her active construction of war ships. He argued that this question of Dreadnoughts had nothing to do with the maintenance of a two-power standard. It is believed that the premier's noncommittal attitude will occasion renewed agitation on the part of the press and the public.

### Tornado Causes Death by Fire.

A tornado did considerable damage to Fort Deposit, Ala. The negro quarter on the Norwood Johnson place was destroyed and a number of persons injured. On the Buchanan place the cottage of Miles Henderson was blown into splinters. Just east of Henderson's house another cottage was wrecked and a small child blown into the fireplace and burned to death.

## Work of Congress

The Senate was not in session Thursday. The first piece of legislation to be acted on by the House during the special session was the bill providing for the taking of the thirteenth census, which was passed. In its present form the measure gives to the Civil Service Commission jurisdiction over appointments and provides for the printing of the reports by the government printing office. As enacted at the last session, the bill stripped the Civil Service Commission of such authority, and there was a provision allowing some of the printing to be done by private firms, because of which President Roosevelt vetoed it. A further amendment was made whereby appointments are to be apportioned pro rata among the States. The tariff bill was officially reported to the House from the Committee on Ways and Means and is now ready for consideration.

The Senate was in session just eight minutes Friday, adjourning at 12:08 p. m. until Monday. The census bill was received from the House and referred to committee, and George T. Oliver of Pennsylvania was sworn in as Senator. For four and a half hours the House of Representatives listened to the reading of the tariff bill, which was concluded. It was the only business transacted. It was perhaps the dreariest legislative session of any held by that body in recent years. Some of the members early in the reading took to the cloakrooms and lobby back of the Speaker's desk, while others left the building for the day. Mr. Sims of Tennessee injected a breath of life into the proceedings. He wanted the reading of the bill dispensed with as a farce, but objection was made. Then he asked unanimous consent that the bill be put on its passage, saying it was evident no opportunity would be afforded to amend the measure in the House. To this suggestion, however, Mr. Mann of Illinois objected. The House at 4:53 p. m. adjourned until Monday noon.

The organization of the Senate committees was the chief business before that body Monday, and, owing to the fact that the detail work had been done by the Republican and Democratic caucuses, it was soon disposed of. Many bills were introduced and referred to committees, notwithstanding it is understood that in the present extra session no general legislation beyond the passage of the tariff and the census bills will be undertaken. The tariff bill held full sway in the House. The measure was promptly put before the body immediately after convening, and in anticipation of the opening of the debate there was practically a full attendance of members and crowded galleries. Mr. Payne of New York, chairman of the committee on ways and means, made an exhaustive speech in explanation of the bill, the time he was actually on his feet being four hours and ten minutes. Then, somewhat fatigued, he suspended until Tuesday. He was subjected to a cross-fire of questions, all of which he endeavored to answer.

The Senate was not in session Tuesday. Occupying the entire session of the House, Mr. Payne of New York, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, concluded his speech in explanation of the tariff bill. He was on his feet almost all of the five hours and ten minutes that he had the floor. His arguments covered a wide field. He took the position that the bill would not injure the tin plate or steel file industries of the United States and that free hides would not be a menace to the farmers. He discussed the inheritance tax at great length, and said it was preferable to an income tax, because it would not give rise to perjury or fraud. He held to the view also that an income tax was wholly unconstitutional.

The Senate was not in session on Wednesday. Declaring among other things that a mistake was made in the Payne tariff bill in not arranging the revision on the basis of raising revenue only on every item, Mr. Clark of Missouri, minority leader, held the attention of the House for more than five hours in discussing the measure. Incidentally, he pointed out that much time would have been saved in the consideration of the bill had the Democratic members of the committee been consulted about the various provisions of the proposed law. Mr. Clark spoke in characteristic style and frequently moved the House to applause and laughter. He was followed by Messrs. Washburn of Massachusetts and Adamson of Georgia, the former attacking the inheritance tax provisions of the bill, while Mr. Adamson opposed the erection of a tariff wall so high as to prevent the people of the United States buying in all the markets of the world as well as disposing of their surplus products.

### TOLD IN A FEW LINES.

Fire at Big Springs, Texas, destroyed a number of business blocks and did damage amounting to \$100,000.

Norman E. Mack's home in Buffalo was destroyed by fire while the family was out of the city. The loss was \$50,000.

The Washington Legislature passed a bill permitting the serving of liquors with meals in hotels in first-class cities.

Mrs. Electa Hawkins, 21 years old, was married to Varnum Wescott, 83, at Santa Monica, Cal. Wescott is an inmate of the soldiers' home at Sawtelle, Cal.