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HUNT FOR TWO GIRLS

KIDNAPED FROM MILWAUKEE
SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

Mrs. Martha Doran, Grandmother of Miss Grimes, One of the Victims, Declares She Will Spend Her Entire Fortune in Search for Girls.

Appleton, Wis.: The police of a half dozen cities Friday night were searching for Miss Lillian Neuman, of Appleton, 19 years old, and Miss Sylvan Grimes, of Columbus, O., 17 years old, and the persons said to be holding them captive. The girls were kidnaped, it is charged, from Milwaukee, several days ago by alleged white slavers. Detectives learned Friday that the girls and their alleged captors were at International Falls, Minn., and on the way to Canada. A letter, bearing the name of Miss Grimes, but written in a man's handwriting, was received Friday from International Falls, saying that the girls would be taken across the border into Canada at once.

Miss Grimes' younger brother died suddenly two days after she disappeared; her grandmother, Mrs. Martha Doran, who is wealthy, is critically ill from worry, while her mother is ill as a result of the incident. Mrs. Doran declares she will spend her fortune in search of the girls. The identity of the men who induced the girls to leave Appleton is known.

At Milwaukee, according to detectives, the party was joined by an elderly man and a gray haired woman who furnished railroad tickets for the pair to Duluth, Superior and International Falls. Prominent Appleton citizens are interesting themselves in the affair. Miss Neuman was prominent in church work.

BIG GIFT TO A COLLEGE.

St. Louis Institution Enriched by Donation of \$3,000,000.

St. Louis, Mo.: Announcement was made Thursday night of gifts aggregating \$3,000,000 to Washington university and of a plan to enlarge the medical department of the university by the expenditure for buildings and equipment of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. The \$3,000,000 donation was made by four men, all wealthy residents of St. Louis—W. K. Bixby, Adolphus Busch, Edward Mallinckrodt and Robert S. Brookings. The individual gifts were not given out.

The property, valued at \$3,000,000 in St. Louis, is to be used in addition to the \$3,000,000 in enlarging the medical school.

The faculty will be recruited from the leading medical schools of the country.

SITUATION IN NICARAGUA.

Detachment of Madriz's Forces Said to Be Attacking Bluefields.

Managua. Deserter from the rebel army who have arrived at Alimendro Friday wired President Madriz that Gens. Godoy and Lara, commanding 200 government troops, had attacked Bluefields and that the rebels had evacuated Rama and gone to the defense of Bluefields. They also said that Gen. Bonita Chacarría was at Recreo, moving on Rama.

Other than this dispatch nothing has been received from the east coast of the republic.

ACT OF AN INSANE BOY.

Shoots and Wounds Sweetheart, Two Policemen and Ends Own Life.

New York: In a frenzy of insanity Clarence Wood, 18 years old, of Rutherford, N. J., shot and stabbed Miss Anna Kipp at the boathouse of the Rutherford Boat club, shot and seriously wounded Chief of Police Smith, of Rutherford, and also shot Policeman McClellan, and, realizing that he was about to be captured, Wood shot and killed himself.

Bull Elephant Executed.

Danville, Ill.: The big bull elephant which started the herd of a circus on a rampage Wednesday afternoon and which resulted in thousands of dollars damage being done beside serious injury to several persons, was executed Thursday afternoon in the presence of a number of physicians.

Missouri Banker Commits Suicide.

St. Joseph, Mo.: S. R. Nelson, vice president of a bank at Chillicothe, Mo., and former president of the Missouri State Bankers' association, committed suicide at his home Thursday morning by drinking carbolic acid. It is said that his accounts are correct.

Two Bound Over in Bank Theft.

Pontiac, Ill.: John Gardner and August Meyer Thursday were bound over in \$7,000 bonds each to the grand jury in connection with the recent Chatsworth bank robbery.

Want New Trial in Snyder Case.

Watska, Ill.: The hearing of the motion for a new trial in the Saylor murder case which was set for April 30 has been continued until May 10.

WANTS THE CHILDREN.

Leavitt Threatens to Stop Wedding of Ruth Bryan.

Columbus, O.: "I want those children, and if there is any law in God's world to help me get them, I will have them. I do not want the woman, but if no other means will avail I will take legal steps to invoke the aid of the court to prevent the marriage of Ruth Bryan Leavitt to Reginald Owen," William Homer Leavitt said Thursday.

The notice in the newspapers of the coming marriage of the former wife was a complete surprise to Leavitt. He said the only information he ever had of a divorce is such as he has seen in the public prints.

In case he receives no direct word from Nebraska, Mr. Leavitt says he will leave here in time to reach Fairview before the marriage can take place.

"I should not hesitate to stop the ceremony if that were the only way to get possession of my children," he said.

BRIDE DANCES 600 DANCES.

Festivities in Illinois Town Planned to Last a Week.

Madison, Ill.: Mrs. Joseph Barry, a bride of a day, made \$600 by dancing 600 dances Wednesday night, and she proposes to keep on dancing, day and night, for a week unless her strength gives out.

Mrs. Barry is 23 years old and the wife of Joseph Barry, 26, of East Madison. Wednesday he and Miss Antonia Bapczak were married in Venice, Ill. They returned to East Madison and at night the festivities began. Frank Annis had built a hall for the occasion.

Barry and his bride and the six bridesmaids and six groomsmen went to the hall, and a greater part of the population turned out to dance with the bride. When the proceeds were counted at daylight the bride had 600 silver dollars, one for each dance.

Four barrels of beer added zest to the occasion. Each guest says he is coming back.

MICHIGAN FRUIT IN GOOD SHAPE.

Growers Say Apples and Pears Have Suffered Little Damage.

Chicago: Further reports from the Michigan fruit crop indicate that the damage to trees and buds as a result of the recent freeze is not so great as was feared. Apples and pears have suffered little in some sections, and the loss to smaller fruits is less than first reported.

"I find no apparent damage to apples or pears," says R. H. Sherwood, of Watervliet, Mich. "The cherries, plums and peaches have been injured about 50 per cent."

Mr. Sherwood has one of the largest fruit farms in the St. Joseph district. Paul Rose, of South Frankfort, Mich., says growers in that section have suffered little or no injury and that the outlook for all kinds of fruit was never better.

WITHSTANDS THE STORM.

Fierce Salt Lake Gale Tests Lucin Cutoff Improvement.

Ogden, Utah: A great gale which lashed the great Salt Lake to fury Thursday afternoon gave the first real test of the newly completed improvement on the Ogden-Lucin cutoff, and it was officially said the result was highly satisfactory.

A similar storm a few weeks ago would have delayed traffic several hours at least, but the increased height of portions of the trestle and a new form of breakwater proved effective in checking damage.

AGED COUPLE IN ELOPEMENT.

Millionaire Tobacco Grower of Kentucky Takes Bride in Runaway.

St. Louis, Mo.: Thomas H. Ell, 75 years old, a millionaire banker and tobacco grower of Lafayette, Ky., and Miss Adeline Ledbetter, 68 years old, of Murfreesboro, Ky., eloped to St. Louis and were married Wednesday night.

Before the ceremony, each signed an agreement, waiving claims on the other's estate. The bride is said to be worth \$1,000,000.

The couple have been sweethearts for fifteen years, they said, when applying for the license.

Cod Fishing Schooner Lost.

San Francisco, Cal.: The steamer Dora, arriving at Seward, Alaska Thursday, reports to the merchants' exchange of this city the loss of the cod fishing schooner Stanley and several members of her crew. The Stanley sailed from this port last October and is said to have been wrecked while going from Pirate Cove to Sana.

Capital Stock Increased.

Richmond, Va.: The stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio, in a special session here Thursday, authorized an increase of capital stock to \$100,000,000.

Canadian Delegate Meets Pope.

Rome: The pope gave a private audience Thursday to Mgr. Donato Sharetti, apostolic delegate to Canada, who presented a report on Catholicism in the dominion.

Chicagoan Heads Water Works Body.

New Orleans, La.: John W. Alford, of Chicago, was Thursday elected president of the American Waterworks association.

Nebraska

State News

News of the Week
In Concise Form

FRAU ZOOK RUNS TO SAFETY.

German Consort of York Farmer Flees to Save Life.

Frau Anna Zook, a recent arrival from Germany, aged 50 years, charges Joseph Weiss, a resident of the south part of York county, with attempted murder, and from the story she tells, Weiss made a desperate attempt to kill her with a hatchet. Last summer Weiss left for Germany to search for a wife, and Mrs. Zook says that he persuaded her to leave with him for York county, claiming that a marriage ceremony must be delayed until they reached here, because it would be illegal for an American to contract marriage in Germany. Mrs. Zook sold her property and came with him, and at various times insisted on Weiss having the ceremony performed, and she claims that the cause of his attack on her life was her insisting on marriage. She left the farm clad in a calico dress and on her feet a pair of cheap carpet slippers, and walked the entire distance, fourteen miles to York.

SUPERIOR FOR GOOD ROADS.

Commercial Club Starts Movement and Hears Argument.

The Commercial club of Superior has decided to encourage the making of good roads leading into that place. One thousand dollars has been raised by the club for road improvement. But the thing which is supposed to do the most good is the offering of a series of prizes for the mile of road voluntarily kept in repair by any citizen trading in Superior which at the end of the year shall show the most improvement. Forty dollars, twenty-five and fifteen respectively, are offered as a first and second premium. The territory about the city has been divided into districts and a set of prizes goes with each district.

The matter was launched at an enthusiastic meeting of citizens and farmers held under the auspices of the Commercial club.

POSTAL MEN GET RAISE.

Operators' Salaries Will Be Increased June 1.

Official notice was received Friday at the Omaha office of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company that an increase in operators' salaries, effective June 1, will be made in all the company's principal offices of the country. The statement comes officially from Vice President E. J. Nally and announces that the increases will range from 5 to 25 per cent, making the maximum salary for operators \$95 per month.

The increases will be selective and will be made effecting operators individually as to their ability and general fitness.

Next Session at Kearney.

The 1911 meeting of the Nebraska Commercial clubs is to be held at Kearney. A sharp contest between Kearney and Lincoln featured the closing day of the convention at Columbus. Two combats were involved in the general campaign which resulted in the ultimate choice of Kearney by a practically unanimous vote.

Injured While Plowing.

Gust Zimmerman, a young man living eight miles west of Lyons, was badly lacerated and his leg broken by being thrown from a sulky gang plow as the wheel ran over a hump of ground. The bone was thrust about three inches through the flesh and other bruises and cut were inflicted. He was taken to the hospital at Omaha.

Boys Install Wireless Station.

Two Albion high school boys, Max McGill and Erland Townsend, have installed two wireless telegraph stations one at the McGill home and the other at the high school building. Their receiving station is good for a distance of 800 miles but they can send messages only 100 miles.

Sent to Jail for Larceny.

Jacob Shuck and son, John Shuck, appeared before Justice Chatelain, at Peru, Tuesday, charged with petit larceny. They were convicted and fined, and sent to Auburn to serve two weeks in the county jail, owing to inability to pay their fines.

Scaffolding Gives Way.

J. J. Cameron, of Geneva, was shingling the roof of a church when the scaffolding gave way, precipitating him to the ground twenty feet below. He lit on his feet and fractured a bone in one foot.

High Price for Land.

Two hundred dollars per acre was paid by Stromsburg parties for the Dietrick homestead of 160 acres, near York, on which there is no farm house. They will plat a part of the farm.

Stratton Man Found Dead.

Clark Townsend, of Stratton, was found dead in bed Thursday morning, death resulting from heart disease.

3,000 ACRES BURNED OVER.

Fire Does Heavy Damage to Farm; Southeast of Broken Bow.

A disastrous pasture fire occurred at the old Buckeye ranch and some adjoining farms about twelve miles southeast of Broken Bow Monday afternoon. About 3,000 acres of fine pasture land and many fence posts were destroyed. L. H. Jewett, of Broken Bow, owns nearly 1,000 acres of the old Buckeye, while L. A. Reneau represents the Bradley, Mathiesen & Walker Co., which own the balance of the property, consisting of 1,000 acres. Nearly 200 head of cattle, belonging to Mr. Jewett, were on the place at the time, and escaped by a very narrow margin; eighty are reported to be badly scorched and there is a probability of some of them dying. Pasture belonging to George Marsh, W. H. Van Nortwick, Will Hickman and others, aggregating over 1,000 acres, was destroyed. Mr. Reneau roughly estimates the loss to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The fire was started by a young man on a leased farm adjoining; he had piled great heaps of rubbish and put a torch to them without establishing fire guards. As the wind was blowing a perfect gale from the northwest, the flames were soon beyond control and jumped into the big ranch. The farmers of that vicinity were aroused and fought frantically for their properties all the afternoon. Messrs. Reneau and Jewett, who had arrived on the scene by automobile, taking an active part. By daylight sufficient guards in the shape of plowed land, had been swung about the flames, and they soon died out.

ONLY ONE LICENSE GRANTED.

City Council of Beatrice Decides to Wait Before Acting Upon Others.

At a meeting of the city council of Beatrice Tuesday evening J. H. Duntz was the only one of the nine applicants granted a liquor license. The council recently decided to limit the number of saloons to six and the applications of the other five were laid over until May 3, for the reason that they had not been published the time required by law. The remonstrance filed against W. E. Kentner, of the new Burwood hotel, was referred to the license committee.

As a solution of the park question the council voted to buy the old chalet grounds in the southeast part of the city, to be used as a park.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE LACKING.

Election on Water Bonds Fails by Less Than One Ballot.

At the special election at Fairbury called to vote on the proposition for issuing bonds in the sum of 135,000 to buy the present light and water plant or construct a new one or grant the present company a franchise for 25 years, the vote was as follows: For the issuance of bonds, 446, against, 214.

For the issuance of water bonds, 441; against, 221.

For the granting of a new franchise, 195; against, 484. As it requires a two-thirds vote on the water bonds, the proposition was defeated by two-thirds of a vote.

Auto Turns Over; One Killed.

Alex Lyon, a Central City real estate dealer, was killed Tuesday afternoon when his automobile skidded over an embankment about seven miles east of town in Hamilton county and turned over in a ditch. There was about a foot and a half of water and soft mud in the ditch and Lyon was pinned down by the steering wheel and death resulted apparently from drowning.

Repairs on Bridge.

Temporary repairs have been made to the Burlington bridge over the Platte at Grand Island, which was partially destroyed by fire Sunday evening, and the company is again able to use its own tracks between Aurora and Grand Island.

Seventh Victim of Ponca Fire.

James Minor, who was fatally burned while making heroic efforts to save the members of his family from death in a fire in their home near Ponca Sunday, died Tuesday, making seven deaths in all.

Burt County Treasurer Dead.

Victor L. Fried died at his home in Oakland Tuesday evening from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Fried grew to manhood in Oakland and was prominent. He was serving his second term as treasurer of Burt county.

The county commissioners of Dawson county have called an election for the purpose of bonding the county to the amount of \$100,000 to erect and equip a new county court house to be erected in Lexington.

At 1 o'clock Tuesday Tilton Wabber, of Randolph, who had been at Osmond on business, on returning home lost control of his automobile and paid the penalty with his life. The automobile is a complete wreck.

CHINESE TOWNS BURN AS MISSIONARIES FLEE

Mobs in Possession, Foreigners Threatened and Guns Trained on Changsha.

WALK THIRTY MILES IN RAGS

Refugees Tell of Slaughter of Many Natives, Including All the Students of a School.

The situation in Hunan province, China, is reported as critical. Women and children are fleeing for their lives from Changsha, the capital. A number of villages near that city have been reduced to ashes by native mobs. The country is placarded with threats to kill all foreigners.

This disquieting news was brought by missionary refugees who arrived at Hankow from Changsha and near by mission stations. Many of them had traveled thirty miles on foot and reached the Yangtze in rags. Their houses had been burned and they lost all of their property.

The missionaries said that gunboats in the river have their guns trained on Changsha and near-by points and have afforded a refuge for many foreigners. Three thousand Chinese imperial soldiers are occupying the strategic points of the capital and detachments are being hurried to outlying districts, where rioting is reported. Many Chinese have been killed. In one instance a technical school was set on fire and thirty students were burned to death. When vessels approached Changsha to rescue the imperiled ones the Chinese mob saturated junks with kerosene from looted stations of the Standard Oil Company, and, setting them on fire, allowed them to float down stream in an attempt to burn oncoming steamers.

ROOSEVELT GUEST OF PARIS.

City Officials Pay Many Tributes to Former President.

Theodore Roosevelt was received by the municipal officials in the Hotel de Ville in Paris the other day, and was the subject of tributes pronounced by M. Caron, president of the municipal council; M. Deselves, prefect of the Seine; M. Lampou, president of the general council of the Seine; and M. Lepine, prefect of police. After an inspection of the building, Mr. Roosevelt sat down to luncheon between Premier Briand and M. Caron. Only formal toasts were given. The ex-President proposed a toast to Paris and the French people.

During a visit which he paid to the Carnavalet museum, Col. Roosevelt manifested great interest in the original revolutionary documents. When shown Louis XVI's order instructing the Swiss guard to lay down their arms, he recalled Mark Twain's statement that if Louis hadn't had the virtues of a mediaeval female saint there would have been a large number of communists in the Paris graveyards that night.

From the museum Col. Roosevelt, accompanied by Ambassador Bacon and M. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, visited Notre Dame. Owing to lack of time the climb to the towers, which rise more than 200 feet, was abandoned. At the opera in the evening Col. Roosevelt enjoyed a repetition of the reception he received at the Comedie Francaise Thursday night.

Human rights come before property rights, and the "average citizen" is the mainstay of a republic. These declarations were features of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's lecture to the Sorbonne, Saturday. His audience was composed of all the members of the French cabinet, select students from the University of Paris, and many distinguished guests. To these incidentally the colonel referred to race suicide as a national peril.

MOUNTED MEN ROB STORES.

Robbers Raid Three Places in Sparta, Wis., and Get Much Booty.

Mounted bandits raided Sparta, Wis., early the other day, blew open two safes and robbed a third store. They escaped with a large amount of booty before the townsmen could organize for an attack. A heavily armed posse was soon formed, however, and started in pursuit. Hoof prints show that there were three riders in the raid. They tied their horses in the rear of one of the stores they looted.

The victims: J. D. Lumber Company, safe blown; money and papers taken; Davis Bros., grocery store, safe blown; small amount of money and groceries taken; Morse & Danman, hardware store; attempt to blow safe with nitroglycerin failed.

From the methods used by the men it is believed the robberies were committed by the same bandits who robbed the Brittingham & Hinson Lumber Company's safe a week before.

Fire Sweeps Burlington Yards.

With the wind blowing a gale, a spectacular fire raged for hours in the yards of the Burlington Railroad in Lincoln, Neb. An estimate of the loss is between \$125,000 and \$150,000. Nearly a dozen railroad buildings with their contents were burned, together with thirty freight cars, some of them filled with lumber and merchandise.

PEACE TEMPLE DEDICATED.

President Taft and Cabinet Attend Ceremonies in Washington.

The beautiful new home of the International Bureau of the American Republics in Washington, called by Mr. Carnegie a temple of peace, was the other day formally dedicated in the presence of a distinguished company. The international character of the dedication was proved by the presence of President Taft, the Secretary of State, the Mexican Ambassador, Cardinal Gibbons, Senator Elihu Root, Andrew Carnegie, Bishop Harding, Director John Barrett of the bureau of American republics, members of the diplomatic corps, of the Supreme Court and the cabinet, as well as Senators and representatives and high army and naval officers.

The ceremonies were initiated by an invocation by Cardinal Gibbons, who was followed by Secretary Knox, who delivered the formal opening address. Senator Root delivered an address, which was responded to by Senor Don Francisco Leon de la Barra, the Mexican ambassador. Mr. Carnegie delivered a characteristic address. There were readings of cable messages from the presidents of the Latin American republics, congratulating Mr. Carnegie and the bureau of American republics upon the completion of the great work and then President Taft spoke at length.

Just preceding the benediction by Bishop Harding, which concluded the afternoon exercises, occurred a unique feature of the program when President Taft and Mr. Carnegie jointly planted a "peace tree" in the patio, or courtyard. The new home of the bureau cost \$1,000,000, of which Mr. Carnegie contributed \$750,000 and the twenty-one American republics the remainder.

SCHOOL ROD UP TO HIGH COURT.

Supreme Justices Take Case of Teacher Who Flogged Boy.

Is the "tune of the hickory stick" to be given the moral support of the Supreme Court of the United States? That is a question it will be called upon to decide between now and vacation days. If the court gives its approval to this method of discipline, Annie Kelley, an Illinois teacher, will escape from a school squabble with no greater punishment than having been declared a bankrupt. If the court puts its foot down on corporal punishment she probably will have to go to jail for flogging a pupil.

In 1906 Miss Kelley was teaching in the primary department of the public schools of Tolono, Champaign County, Ill. According to a brief Miss Kelley has just filed in the Supreme Court, Michael Burke, 11 years old, was not as good as he could be. In the presence of the school on Dec. 6, 1906, Miss Kelley tells the court, he "committed a breach of proper decorum by using vulgar and profane language at and toward your petitioner and jerking her upon the floor and striking and kicking her." After the principal had ordered her to chastise Michael, she flogged him with a topknot. When the Burkes brought a suit for damages against her, alleging trespass and other things, the State courts returned a judgment against Miss Kelley.

After the judgment Miss Kelley was declared a bankrupt. On the ground that the national bankrupt law does not discharge a person from payment of a debt incurred through the committing of "willful and malicious injuries to the person or property of another," Miss Kelley was arrested under an Illinois statute for failure to satisfy the judgment. She went into the federal courts for her discharge. The district court of the United States for the Eastern District of Illinois found that the debt was not incurred through willful and malicious injuries. The Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the judgment. Miss Kelley now has asked the Supreme Court to review her case.

BJORNSON IS DEAD.

Famous Novelist Dies in Paris from Paralytic Stroke.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the famous Norwegian novelist, playwright, poet and publicist, died at the Hotel Wagram in Paris the other night in the 78th year of his age. His wife, whom he married fifty-two years ago, was with him at the end. Bjornson suffered a stroke of paralysis last June, and was brought to Paris in November for electro-therapeutic treatment. It was reported lately that he was growing better. The change came unexpectedly.

Bjornstjerne Bjornson was born near the town of Molde, Norway, December 8, 1832. Poet, novelist, dramatist, reformer and apostle of peace, two hereditary traits dominated in his character—the placid nature, which he drew from his father, a country parson, and the fighting spirit, which came to him from his more remote ancestors, the old Norse sea-rovers. He was known as the Prophet-Poet of Norway. Toward him the people looked for guidance, and with his courage he fought in the cause of truth and justice.

At the age of 20 he entered the University of Christiania, and while there began writing in a serious vein. After two years as writer and editor he became the director of the Bergen Theater. This was in 1857. The next few years were devoted to travel and residence in Denmark, Germany and Italy, and then Bjornson went back to Norway for ten years. He began the series of plays which conquered the Norwegian stage and also invaded the Danish, Swedish and German theaters. As Bjornson grew older he went into politics as a reformer.