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to conceive such a thing," said Mr. Smith. "The boy has an artistic temperament; he likes to draw and is a musician. He is an athlete and never takes any interest in reading. He is perfectly truthful and has been so since a child," concluded the father.

"Mr. Smith is a hard man to convince," said Detective Maloney, "but we will untangle this case."

"Late this afternoon the young man will be examined by Postoffice Inspector Randall and Detective Maloney."

PARTY FACTIONS BATTLE ALL DAY

(Continued from First Page.)

Lodge, McCumber, Smoot, Gallinger, Clark (Wyo.), Heyburn, La Follette, Appropriations—Warren, chairman; Perkins, Gallinger, Curtis, Gammie, Smoot, Nixon, Dixon, Bourne, Wetmore, Foreign Relations—Cullom, chairman; Frye, Lodge, Smith (Mich.), Root, McCumber, Gammie, Borah, Burton, Interstate Commerce—Clapp, chairman; Dillon, Crane, Nixon, Cummings, Brandegee, Oliver, Lippitt, Townsend, Judiciary—Clark (Wyo.), chairman; Nelson, Dillingham, Sutherland, Brandegee, Borah, Brown, Cummins, Root, Rules Committee—Crane, chairman; Warren, Gallinger, Nelson, Cummins, Agriculture and Forestry—Burnham, chairman; Warren, Perkins, Guggenheim, Page, Crawford, Bradley, Lorimer, Grona, Commerce—Frye, chairman; Nelson, Smith (Mich.), Bourne, Burnham, Crawford, Oliver, Military Affairs—Dupont, chairman; Warren, Dixon, Briggs, Guggenheim, Guggenheim, Bristow, Jones, Lorimer, Naval Affairs—Perkins, chairman; Penrose, Wetmore, Lodge, Smith (Mich.), Page, Fuldexter, Indian Affairs—Gammie, chairman; Clark (Wyo.), Sutherland, La Follette, Curtis, Brown, Dixon, Page, Privileges and Elections—Dillingham, chairman; Gammie, Heyburn, Sutherland, Bristow, Bradley, Jones, Oliver, Kenyon, Public Lands—Nelson, chairman; Clark (Wyo.), Gammie, Heyburn, Dixon, Jones, Guggenheim, Works, Public Buildings and Grounds—Sutherland, chairman; Warren, Wetmore, Bourne, Fuldexter, Territories—Smith (Mich.), chairman; Nelson, Burnham, Brown, Bristow, McClean, Lippitt, Conservation of National Resources—Oliver, chairman; Clark (Wyo.), Dillingham, Briggs, Guggenheim, Jones, Richardson, Grona, Education and Labor—Borah, chairman; Penrose, Dupont, Page, McLean, Kenyon, District of Columbia—Gallinger, chairman; Dillingham, Curtis, Jones, Oliver, Lorimer, Works, Kenyon, Immigration—Richardson, chairman; Dillingham, Penrose, Brown, Richardson, Burton, Grona, Inter-Oceanic Canal—Brandegee, chairman; Borah, Crawford, Bristow, Perkins, Page, Jones, McLean, Gammie, Fisheries—Brown, chairman; Brandegee, Kenyon, Works, Pensions—McCumber, chairman; Burnham, Smoot, Curtis, Dupont, Brown, Bradley, Fuldexter, Postoffice and Post Roads—Gallinger, Richardson, Page, Kenyon, Following are the chairmen of the minor committees: Audit and Control of the Contingent Expenses—Briggs, Sutherland, La Follette, On Canadian Relations—Oliver, Census—La Follette, Civil Service—Retrenchment—Cummins, Claims—Crawford, Coast and Interior Survey—Townsend, Coast Defenses—Curtis, Cuban Relations—Page, Enrolled Bills—Johnson, Expenditures of the Departments—Agriculture, Lippitt, Interior, Fuldexter, Justice, Bradley, Brown, Postoffice, Bristow, State, Kenyon, Treasury, Burton, War, Works, Fisheries—Jones, Forest Reservations and the Protection of Game—McCumber, Heyburn, Industrial Expositions—Root, Irrigation—Nixon, Revision of Laws—Heyburn, Library—Wetmore, Manufactures—Heyburn, Navigation—Gammie, Pacific Islands and Porto Rico—Richardson, Phillips, Gammie, Postoffice and Post Roads—Bourne, chairman; Penrose, Crane, Guggenheim, Briggs, Richardson, Bradley, Bristow, Lorimer, The new democratic appointees to five of the principal senate committees were given out by Senator Martin, chairman of the democratic steering committee. They are: Appropriations—Smith, of Maryland and Owen, Finance—Williams, Johnson of Maine and Kern, Foreign Relations—Rayner, Clarke of Arkansas and Hitchcock, Judiciary—Gammie, Interstate Commerce—Gore,

FORMAL PROTEST BY MEXICO

Official Objection Made to Landing of British Marines at San Quentin. IS SENT TO LONDON BY MAIL. Action of Captain Vivian of the Shearwater Described as Interference with Internal Affairs of Mexico.

LONDON, April 26.—The Mexican government has communicated to the British foreign office a formal protest against the action of Captain Vivian of the British sloop Shearwater in landing marines at San Quentin, lower California, which is described as an interference in the internal affairs of Mexico.

Announcement to this effect was made in a very brief dispatch received at the foreign office today from T. B. Hoehler, British charge d'affaires at Mexico City since the departure of Mr. Tower.

Mr. Hoehler stated that the text of the protest was going forward by mail and no action in the matter will be taken here pending the receipt of the text and also the explanation of Captain Vivian, which he has mailed to London.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 26.—The Shearwater sailed from Santa Barbara last night for north coast points. While in this harbor Captain Vivian in an interview said he had nothing to add to his previous statement regarding the San Quentin incident.

On April 11 Captain Vivian landed thirty men and a Maxim gun at San Quentin to protect that town from what was represented to be a threatened attack by Mexican insurgents. The revolutionary movement did not materialize and the marines were withdrawn.

This was the first actual landing of foreign forces on Mexican soil in connection with the present rebellion.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS' MEETING AT LINCOLN

Two Hundred Nebraska Veterans Are in Session at Annual Reunion at Capital.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 26.—(Special.)—About 200 Nebraska veterans who participated in the Spanish-American war gathered here today for a big two days' reunion.

Registration occupied the most of the morning and a great deal of the afternoon. Men who had not seen each other since the time that they were mustered out of the service in 1898 gathered around each other at the hotel and told of their army life of thirteen years ago.

This afternoon the visitors gathered at the hall of the local lodge of Spanish-American Veterans at 130 South Twelfth street and transacted such business as had to be taken up during the gathering. Several informal talks were made by old officers and men of all three of the Nebraska regiments, after which the men gathered in little groups and called up other experiences they had not thought of this morning.

At 8 o'clock this evening there was a big general campfire. At 9 o'clock tomorrow afternoon will take place the separate reunions of each company at the Auditorium. At 4:15 all of the visitors will march in a body to the university campus, where a special dress parade will be put on by the cadet regiment and band for its honor guests. Afterwards the university soldiers will escort the veterans to the Landell. Tomorrow evening the banquet will take place at the Landell.

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SMYTH GETS ANOTHER LETTER

(Continued from First Page.)

Investigated by Chief Donohue, Detective Steve Maloney, who had been called on the case, Henry Randall, postoffice inspector, and C. J. Smyth.

"This weird story of young Smyth must be sifted to the bottom," declared Mayor Dahlman Wednesday morning. "The report has gone broadcast through the country and we want to know the truth of the story as told by Smyth. If his story is true, good and well. If it is a fake, we want to know it."

"It seems improbable that such proceedings as related by the boy could be pulled off in Omaha in broad daylight. I have instructed Chief Donohue to go to the bottom of the case and ascertain the truth, no matter what the result."

Does Not Believe Story.

Chief Donohue refuses to take any stock in the story as related by the boy to his parents and police after his return. In company with two members of the detective force, Chief Donohue visited the scenes of the supposed kidnaping Wednesday morning. The most exhaustive investigation developed nothing that would tend to substantiate the story as related by young Smyth. The chief then declared the story to be fishy and a fake from start to finish.

John Wier, a hostler for Hugh McCaffrey, told the chief that, in company with three visitors from the city, he was within 100 feet of the shack, where Smyth says he was confined, until 2:30, and that he is positive no one was in the shack and that no automobiles approached the place.

Chief Donohue, also says he has been told that Smyth and companions built the shack, and have been using it for a long time for the last month.

Story Told by Smyth.

According to the story as told by Smyth, he was rendered unconscious by chloroform and was taken by four men in an automobile to a deserted shack in Fairacres, a mile and a half west of Dundee, where left in the care of a guard, the youth escaped when he came and found that the guard, also affected by the anesthetic, had gone to sleep.

Young Smyth broke the strands of a quilt which had been used to tie his hands behind him, slipped away from the sleeping guard and ran down the Dodge road, where he caught a car for home. Arriving there he interrupted a stupendous search for himself which had been started by police, private detectives, neighbors and members and relatives of the Smyth family.

Young Man Little Hero.

The youth showed no ill effects after his experience and escape from the kidnapers and was able to tell the story of the whole affair with the exception of the short time he was under the influence of chloroform.

Here he says he was seized by four other persons who put him in a closed automobile and took him to the shack in Fairacres.

STORY TOLD BY YOUNG SMYTH

Circumstantial Account of Kidnaping Given by the Victim.

Smyth had left Creighton college at 1:30 o'clock after an afternoon practicing at tennis for a game to be held Saturday be-

ween Creighton and the Nebraska university and had started out to Sunderland Brook, lumber yard, Forty-second and Izard streets, where he intended to see Percy Hall, who is employed there, about the coming game. While waiting at the transfer point, Twenty-fourth and Cumine streets, for the car which would take him to his destination, he first saw the man who later, he says, struck him in the jaw and helped kidnap him.

Becomes Suspicious.

"I became suspicious of the man," he said, "while waiting for a Walnut Hill or Benson car. He was saying me closely and after having resisted no money threats to kidnap me, I became worried. I let one car pass by, thinking he would board it and leave me, but he remained by my side until the second car came and when I boarded it he followed me. I saw nothing of the man when I got off the car at Izard street and walked west two blocks to Forty-second street. Arriving there, I found that Sunderland Brook's office had closed. I was standing on the corner when the man who had followed me out on the car accosted me. He asked me the names of the streets and a few questions and then suddenly grabbed me, saying, 'Come with me.'"

Automobile Comes Up.

"The next instant an automobile roared down the street and stopped at the curb by my side and three Italians jumped out and helped the man carry me into the machine, which had a canopy and was closed in. They put a rag over my eyes and soon I didn't know anything. I awoke in the shack at Fairacres.

"I was about semi-conscious when I heard, 'Now we'll go back and get the girl.' I knew that they meant to go back to the home of F. W. Hochstetler, and get Miss Frances, whom they had also threatened to kidnap. I heard the machine leave and then gradually came to my senses. I awoke to find that they had left one man to guard me. I saw him nod and presently fall over and knew that he had also become under the influence of the chloroform. I wriggled my feet and by straining with all my might was able to break my bonds. Then I ran."

Search Under Way.

When young Smyth reached home, detectives and plain clothes police officers, together with Tom Flynn, Howard Baidrige, Frank Cook, Ed P. Smith and many others, were looking for him. They began a search for the missing youth, starting at the house next door north of the Smyth residence, left vacant recently by Thomas Barbeau, who is in Canada. Search-lights were being played about the cellar and first floor windows of the house in an effort to detect a possible exit, when there came excited shouts from women in the Smyth home that "Berny was home."

Detective Ed Morgan and Dan Lahey,

together with the father and friends of Berny accompanied him to an upstairs room, where he told the story of the daring abduction and gave a description of the kidnapers.

Soon after the return of Berny, Captain Dunn and Chief of Police Donohue arrived and, with Berny and his father, drove to the police automobile to the shack where the youth had made his escape. No clue was obtained, however. A hat and coat left by the youth in his flight, were recovered.

No attempt was made by the kidnapers of Berny to carry away Miss Frances Hochstetler, whose home is at 418 South Thirty-eighth street, with whom Smyth had been keeping company and against whom threats of kidnaping had also been

made. Miss Hochstetler was at her home throughout the evening.

The letters which have been received by the Hochstetler and Smyth families began coming about two weeks ago. Three letters have been received by each family threatening to kidnap Berny and Frances Hochstetler, the 13-year-old daughter of F. W. Hochstetler, vice president of the Wright & Wilhelm company, unless \$2,500 were deposited for the kidnapers in a corner of Creighton pasture. The demands have been ignored. Each was signed "Black Hand."

Recent Victim of Holdup.

A week ago Sunday night young Smyth went in J. M. Baidrige's automobile to call upon Miss Hochstetler. While in the Hochstetler home, the automobile was stolen. Young Smyth was thus forced to walk home at Thirty and Dodge streets a negro jumped from the shadows and held him up. The negro took 90 cents and, after looking at his gold watch, returned it, saying, according to what young Smyth told the police, that he did not want it because it was fifteen minutes slow.

The last letter signed by alleged black-

handers was placed upon the front porch of the Hochstetler home Sunday afternoon. Following the finding of it, two young men engaged in a tennis game on a court nearby were arrested and taken to the police station. They were questioned and their impressions of describing the message was so apparent that they were released without being "booked."

Makes Different Statement.

Discredited by the police and Postoffice Inspector Randall, young Berny Smyth wove the story of his kidnaping anew. Wednesday morning introducing several new statements that materially differ and are contradictory.

Explaining why he went with his captor the boy declared this morning that he had pulled a gun on him and that he feared to make a struggle. In his story of last night he told the reporters and police that he had struggled, but yielded to the united strength of the three men. The young man further declared today that he had been chloroformed twice during the course of his captivity. "The second attempt of chloroform failed, because the stuff would have no effect on me," said the young man. A few moments after making the above statement he said that immediately after awakening he had made his escape from the shack at Sixty-second and Dodge road. "I do not intend to talk," said young Smyth when an interview was sought. "I told the story last night."

"When the discrepancies were pointed out to him he hesitated and declared that he was not sure that he could tell the story as it happened. "Perhaps next week I shall be able to tell it better."

The boy denounced the methods of the police in his examination last night. "Why," he said, "Lahey and Captain Dunn tried the third degree on me last night and if they had not been police officers, believe me, I would have answered them in a different manner."

Postoffice Inspector Randall and Detective Maloney have accumulated evidence that indicates Young Smyth to be the author of the blackmailing letters. The formation of the letters on his school reports and those in the blackmailing missives are said to be exactly similar. The paper used by the sender of the letters was of a One weave and texture.

Despite the conclusions of the police C. J. Smyth, father of the boy, steadily refused to believe in the guilt of his son. "It is absolutely foreign to his character

Omaha Man Chosen Head of Electrical Association of State

H. A. Holdrege Elected President and Meeting Next Year Will Be in This City.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 26.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Electrical association which closed in this city today accepted the report of its nominating committee which made H. A. Holdrege of Omaha, president of the association and the selection of an executive committee which, it is said, will choose the metropolis of the state as the next meeting place of the organization.

For the past three years the Lincoln members have controlled the association, it having met here for each session during that time and a local man having been its president in each year. This year Superintendent Brooks of the local traction company was the logical choice of the association for the presidency but the Lincoln man readily acquiesced in the selection of an Omaha man and is allowing the 1912 convention to go to the city.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously accepted at this morning's session of the association. It named F. H. Brooks of Lincoln for the vice presidency and recommended the re-election of Secretary Bell of David City. Messrs. Swingle of Holdrege, Smith of Exeter, and J. E. Shuff of Lincoln were named as the executive committee.

The business session which closed the convention's three-day program, was marked by the passage of resolutions of appreciation of the work of Retiring President B. C. Adams, of thanks to the Lincoln Commercial club for convention courtesies and for the admittance of representatives of electrical manufacturing and supply houses to association membership.

"That the present popular method of street lighting by ornamental electrolights at the curb line may shortly be abandoned was the prophecy of some of the association members, who discussed a paper on "Street Illumination."

There was some difference of opinion among the various central station men as to whether the best interests of the electrical system here, it was said, would be served by hooking up projects for the curb lighting system. A majority of the electricians seemed to think that merchants frequently believed that they could do without window lighting and signs if they had the curb lights. Others held that the curb lights simply made it necessary for each merchant to use more light himself in order to make his own windows stand out above the displays of his neighbors. Testimony by visiting supply men indicated that large cities were sending in requests from the electrical system here, it was said, by these men that the small cities would probably continue to use the system for a good while to come.

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