

## KIDNAPPED ON OMAHA'S STREETS.

**A Millionaire's Son Was Held for Ransom and Abductors Demands Were Complied With.**

Omaha, Neb., Dec 26—There is rejoicing in the home of Edward Cudaby, the wealthy packing house owner and capitalist of this city. Edward Cudaby, Jr., who was kidnapped Tuesday evening, after being held 36 hours for a ransom of \$25,000 in gold, which the young man's father unhesitatingly paid, has been returned to his family, and tonight the boy and his parents are receiving congratulations from relatives and friends throughout the country. A statement of the conspirators, overheard by the lad while he was in their power, indicates that they had been attempting for a month to secure possession of one of his sisters. Young Cudaby today related the story of being overpowered, folded in a closed carriage, blindfolded and bound and carried many miles from the city to a place, the location of which he cannot identify, and his father made known the details of a long ride into the country to deposit a bag containing \$25,000 in gold in a place indicated in a letter written Wednesday to Mr. Cudaby by the outlaw, naming this condition as a surety for the return of the boy. This sum was to be deposited in a place indicated about five miles north of the city, on a lonely road leading up the bank of the Missouri river.

Mr. Cudaby called into consultation the chief of police and his friends and discussed the plans looking to the capture of the gang when they should appear at the point of rendezvous named in the letter. The great strain on the family, however, caused Mr. Cudaby to abandon all idea of capturing the men in whose power was the life of his son, and decided to at once comply with all the demands of the bandits. Absolute secrecy was necessary, and a trusted messenger was dispatched to the bank to secure the gold. After securing the money he started out entirely alone. To identify himself he had attached to the dashboard of his buggy a red lantern, which was one of the conditions in the letter Mr. Cudaby drove to the appointed place, where he found, near the road, a white lantern suspended from a short stake driven in the ground, near the river bank. Nobody was in sight. He at once alighted, placed the bag of gold conveniently near the stake and returned to the city without hearing a sound.

That the bandits were near the spot and at once secured the valuable package cannot be doubted, for about 1 o'clock this morning the young boy ran breathless up to the door of his father's home and rang the bell for admission. Two policemen, who in the early evening had been placed near the family mansion had later been sent to the stable by Mr. Cudaby who feared that the men seeing the officers would drive away without leaving the boy.

Notwithstanding the entire police and detective force of the city, several Pinkerton's from Chicago and half a hundred of Mr. Cudaby's own men have been searching diligently for a clue looking to the capture of the outlaws ever since the return of the young man, up to 11 o'clock tonight nothing has developed to give the least idea of the identity of men who operated the crime. Young Cudaby says there six of the men but that all wore masks.

**Story of a Slave.**  
To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec 20.—Lewis, the young negro who last night shot and killed Marshal W. E. Richardson, was captured this afternoon eight miles from town. A mob which had followed the bloodhounds to track the murderer immediately took Lewis from the officers, dragged him back to town and hanged him to a tree near the scene of his crime. Lewis' father was also captured, but probably will not be lynched.

## CONGRESSIONAL REAPPORTIONMENT

**Majority of Census Committee Favors Present Membership.**

Washington, Dec 20—Representative Hopkins, chairman of the committee on census, today filed in the house the majority report the reapportionment bill reported by his committee, fixing the membership of the house of the next decade a 357. Representative Burleigh of Maine filed a minority report signed by six members, in favor of a house to be composed of 386 members, and Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, who signed the Burleigh report also submitted an independent report in favor of reducing the representation in the southern States to the extent of the abridgment of the suffrage. His independent report favors a house to be composed of 374 members. Mr. Hopkins, in the majority report, cites instances to show that the less of seats by States under the reapportionment bills was not uncommon. Massachusetts, for instance, which under the third census had 20 members, was reduced to 10 under the sixth, seventh and eighth, and Virginia, which had 23 in the third, had but nine under the ninth. The report says the committee followed the plan adopted under the sixth census and followed continuously since. It has the sanction and approval of sixty years of national existence. The plan is to divide the constitutional population by 357, the proposed membership. The quotient 208,868 is the ratio of representatives to population. This ratio applied to the population of each State will yield in the aggregate a number somewhat less than 357, the number determined upon as the membership of the house. The difference is made up by assigning to the States having the largest majority fraction additional representatives until a sufficient number have been assigned to bring the total up to 357. A membership of more than 357, the report says, would make the house unwieldy.

The minority report is signed by Messrs. Burleigh, Russell, Heatwole, Crumpacker, Griffin and Wilson. Referring to the Hopkins apportionment the minority report says: "The anomalous character of this proposed apportionment as well as its obvious injustice is clearly demonstrated by the fact that it is necessarily based, in part upon majority fractions, and yet Colorado with a majority fraction of 110,807, and North Dakota with a majority fraction of 105,588, do not receive representative based upon such majority fraction, while every other State with a majority fraction receives a representative for such majority fraction."

"We believe that every State should be treated alike with reference to its majority fraction, as no valid reason has been or can be assigned for the discrimination between them. We also believe that in the new apportionment no State should lose a representative. We therefore recommend a house consisting of 386 members."

"In reaching this number we have adopted the method used by the committee and have followed the precedent established by the house in 1872, when the house added to the whole number of representatives a representative each for the States of New Hampshire and Florida by reason of the fact that they each had almost a majority fraction after the whole number of representatives had been apportioned."

"We make the computation based upon 384 representatives upon a ratio of one representative for every 194, 182 of population. Nebraska, with a majority fraction of 97,629 and Virginia with a majority fraction of 106,546, each lose a representative and get no representative for the majority in either case."

"Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin gain one representative each; Minnesota, New Jersey and Pennsylvania gain two; Illinois, New York and Texas gain three."

The astonishing total of \$485,000 has been realized from Kipling's "Absent Minded Beggar" in various ways, the proceeds going to the families of the men fighting in South Africa. This is at the rate of \$10,000 a line, which doubtless breaks the poetry record.

## WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA

London, Dec 20—Considerable activity is now manifested at Aldershot. A large draft of mounted troops will be ready to start for South Africa January 6, while others have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for the same destination.

According to the Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail, wiring yesterday, the Treason court, sitting in Colesberg, was obliged hurriedly to remove to Cape Town with the records and documents, owing to the vicinity of the invading Boers. "The Colesberg district," says the correspondent, "is seething with anti-British excitement. A recrudescence of rebellion is perceptible in the districts immediately south of the Orange river. Tuesday morning the fight was proceeding at Philipstown, presumably with a commando which crossed at Sand Drift."

**DEWET'S FORCE.**  
Bloemfontein, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Gen. DeWet had 6,000 men and 18,000 horses when he captured Dewetsdorp, according to a gentleman who was imprisoned there. The Boer commander then declared that he was not going to surrender without a free pardon for all his men, including many Cape Dutch.

The force of 6,000 is now divided into three sections.

**CRYING FOR HORSES.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 20.—The situation in the northern districts of Cape Colony is more serious. Fully two thousand Boers have invaded that section and grave fears are entertained that Dutch sympathizers will join the rebellion and this will spread.

Although there is no fear as to the ultimate result the lack of a sufficient number of mounted troops is felt by the British. The enormous waste of horses in South Africa was never fully appreciated until now.

**INVADING CAPE CONY.**  
London, Dec 20.—The following dispatch has been received from Gen. Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Wednesday, Dec 19:

"A party of Boers, estimated at from 500 to 800, has crossed the Orange river at Rhenoster Hoek."

"A second band is reported to have crossed near Sanddrift."

"They have been followed. I have sent a considerable body of mounted men, who are getting around them."

"The Boers from Rhenoster Hoek are being followed closely from Vauterstadt, which they left at 3 o'clock yesterday evening, going in the direction of Steynsburg."

"The important points on the railway and the neighborhood are well guarded. I hope the band will soon be driven north again."

**DISTURBED IN CAPE TOWN.**  
Cape Town, Dec. 20—The invasion of Cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Colesburg, south of the Philippolis, and near the Orange River colony frontier. The people here are much disturbed. A mixed force of 1,000 men was dispatched north yesterday evening.

**MARTIAL LAW AGAIN DECLARED.**

Cape Town, Dec 20.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the following additional districts: Bristown, Victoria West, Richmond, Hanover, Murraysburg, Graaf Reinet, Aberdeen, Middlesburg, Steynsburg, Cradock, Tarka and Molteno.

**HEARD HEAVY CANNONADING**  
London, Dec 20—A special from Johannesburg dated Dec 19 says that one heavy cannonading was heard the morning of Monday, north of Krugerdrorp.

**DISPENSARY PROFITS.**

Unofficially it is stated that the "city's share" of the profits of the dispensary business in the several principal cities and towns of the State for the 11 months of the year 1900 just ended, will be as follows: Columbia, \$28,000; Charleston, \$27,000; Greenville, \$11,000, and Spartanburg, \$12,000. Of course it is impossible to say, pending the annual report of the State board now being completed, whether these figures are absolutely correct or not, but the report will be out shortly. This indicates that the dispensaries have done quite a large business in the cities during the past year.—The State, Dec 21st

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For State purposes,	5 mills
For County purposes,	2 1/2 mills
For School purposes,	3 mills
Total levy,	10 1/2 mills

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No 17,	1 mill

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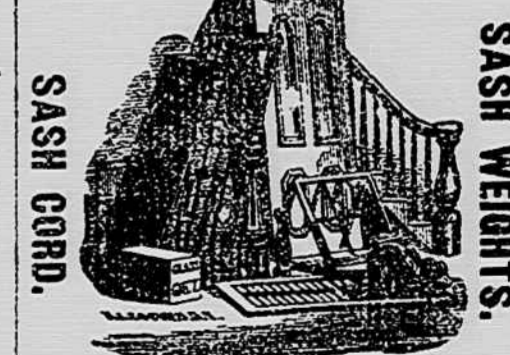
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