

WILLIE WHITLA
SAFE AT HOME

Father Refused to Say If He
Paid Ransom Money—
Everyone Happy.

SMOTHERED WITH KISSES

Mother in a Delirium of Joy—The Kid-
nappers Were True to Their
Promise.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 22.—Willie Whitla, who has caused his parents great anxiety since he was kidnapped from school in Sharon, Pa., last Thursday, was returned to his father at the Hollenden Hotel here tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

In compliance with an agreement entered into between the boy's father and an agent of the kidnapers here today, the boy was placed on a street car on the outskirts of the city and started to the hotel shortly after 8 o'clock. Two boys, G. W. Ramsey and Edward Mahoney recognized the lad on the car, and taking him in charge, conducted him to his father, who was waiting according to a prearranged plan which he had followed at the dictation of the kidnapers. The boy, who was in the hotel lobby, was in a state of great excitement, and his father, who was in the lobby, was in a state of great excitement, and his father, who was in the lobby, was in a state of great excitement.

The Boy Disguised.

An attempt had been made to disguise the lad. He wore a pair of smoked glasses and a large hat, which was pulled down over his ears, and his father said it would have been difficult to have recognized him in such a guise. He had been in the street, Willie is in good health. He says that he has been well treated, and ever since his capture he has been constantly indoors.

He believes he was taken from Sharon to Warren, and thence to Newcastle, Pa. It is his opinion that he was in Ashabula on Saturday night at the time his father was to leave his \$10,000 in Flatiron park.

Mr. Whitla refused to say whether he has paid the ransom or not. He said that he received a letter today from the kidnapers at his home in Sharon, Pa., saying that if he called at a confectionery store in the east end of Cleveland he would be told how to secure his boy unharmed and "well fed."

Leaving for Home.

Shortly after noon he left Sharon for Cleveland. He was unaccompanied. His immediate family and the private detectives he had hired were not permitted to accompany him. He was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon he went to a candy store at the east end of the city. He carried the \$10,000 expected that it would be demanded of him there. He was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel.

His entrance to the hotel was surrounded with secrecy. By a previous arrangement made with the hotel management he was not registered. He was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel, and he was met by his father at the hotel.

STILL MISSING

No Word of the Balloon America and Its Occupants.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—Nearly three days have passed since the balloon America went up from Touraine Park in Pasadena with Capt. A. E. Mueller, as pilot, and five men as passengers, and still no word has come regarding the landing of the balloon or the fate of its human freight. Searching parties are in various places in the mountains exploring every accessible part of the ranges and canyons. The hunt was kept up all night and messages were received from every part of the mountains where a landing could have been made, but no information of any kind was forthcoming.

HANG THE KIDNAPPER!

Stringent Measure Introduced in Senate of Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 22.—A bill making kidnapping an offense punishable by death by hanging has been introduced in the Senate as a result of the Willie Whitla kidnapping. The present law is imprisonment for life, or for such term of years as the court may direct.

Both the Senate and House adopted a concurrent resolution recommending Governor Stuart to offer a reward of \$15,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers of the Willie boy.

WESTON'S PROGRESS.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 22.—Edward Weston left Syracuse for Lyons at 4 a.m. today. He was in good form and high spirits.

\$62,000 SUCCESSION DUES.

Toronto, March 22.—The Provincial Treasury Department yesterday received from the estate of the late G. H. Bishy, of Hamilton, a check for \$62,000, representing the amount of succession duties due from the estate.

LONDON GIRLS IN A
ST. THOMAS COURT

Two Young Waywards Soon
Found Themselves in Trouble
in Railroad City.

Two young girls, giving the names of Ella Roberts and Jean Morrison, London as their home, appeared in St. Thomas police court yesterday morning on a charge of being disreputable. The girls, according to the evidence, came to St. Thomas on Friday, and the night at a hotel, stayed at Pinafore Park on Saturday, and on Saturday night took possession of an empty Grand Trunk coach. They slept there and on Sunday morning were arrested. The magistrate fined the hotelkeeper, Andrew Haller, \$50 for allowing questionable characters to stay at his house. The girls were taken home by their parents, the court dealing leniently with them on account of their extreme youth.

TRAMP WAS STRUCK
BY G.T.R. EXPRESS

While Walking on the Track
Three Miles East of
London.

HE WAS BADLY INJURED

Is Now in Woodstock Hospital—Recovery Is Very Probable.

Mark Pierce, a young man who has been tramping for weeks, was struck by Grand Trunk express No. 12, three miles east of London yesterday afternoon, and is at present in Woodstock hospital suffering from a broken collarbone, five fractured ribs and internal injuries.

It is not known yet whether Pierce will recover.

The train was in charge of Engineer Cook, and he saw the young fellow on the track and he at once stopped the train and he at once stopped the train and he at once stopped the train.

DELEGATION HERE
FROM CARLETON PLACE

Mayor and Others Were Looking at
Fire Engines.

A deputation from the council of Carleton Place, consisting of Mayor A. E. Cram, Ald. J. R. McDermid, D. Smyth, and others, arrived here yesterday morning to look at the fire engines and the fire department of the city of Carleton Place.

At the instance of Ald. Garratt, chairman of No. 3 committee, and Ald. Parsons, acting mayor, the steam fire engine of the city of Carleton Place was taken to Hunt's dam, where a test was made. The engine was in good form and did excellent work. The visitors professed to be highly pleased with the test.

After the inspection, the visitors were shown about the city by Ald. Garratt and Ald. Parsons, and were later entertained at lunch at the Trenchard House.

"You have a very pretty city here," said Mayor Cram. "I like it very much."

SOUTH POLE EXPEDITION

Return of Lieut. Shackleton—Declines to Make a Statement.

Invercargill, New Zealand, March 22.—The Barkentine Nimrod which early in 1908 left England in the hands of Lieut. E. H. Shackleton, an Antarctic expedition, has returned here today on her return. Lieut. Shackleton declined to make any statement regarding his explorations. The Nimrod left for Lyttelton, the port of Christ Church, N. Z.

The Nimrod expedition to the south pole left England in July, 1907, after Queen Alexandra had given the vessel a flag and King Edward had bestowed the Victorian Order on Lieut. Ernest H. Shackleton, the expedition's leader. The party was made up of Lieut. Shackleton, a doctor, a navigator, a photographer, and a cook. The expedition was successful in reaching the south pole and returning.

FIREMAN CONWAY'S DEATH

Developments of Investigation at Amherstburg Unsatisfactory.

Windsor, March 22.—Developments in the inquiry at Amherstburg into the death of Fireman Conway, who was killed by a fire engine yesterday, are unsatisfactory, and Attorney General Foy's department will probably be asked to send a man to take full charge of the investigation. Considerable pressure has already been brought to bear toward this end by the citizens, who are far from satisfied with the inquiry conducted by the coroner. In deeming an inquest unnecessary, the coroner has been criticised. The coroner, however, has announced that he believes that Conway's death was due to accidental drowning while under the influence of liquor.

LIBERALS SWEEP
"SUNNY" ALBERTA

Premier Rutherford and Every
Member of the Cabinet
Returned.

TWO CONSERVATIVES WIN

Athabasca and Peace River Will Vote
Next Week—Edmonton Elected
Two Liberals.

LIBERALS.
ALEXANDER—Moore.
CALGARY—Cushion.
CLAREMONT—Smith.
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EDMONTON—Stewart.
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GLEICHEN—Riley.
INVERMOUNT—Simpson.
LACMONT—Puffer.
LACMONT—Gunn.
LEDEUC—Telford.
LETHBRIDGE—Stewart.
LETHBRIDGE—Buchanan.
MEDICINE HAT—Finlay.
OLD—Marshall.
PARKLAND—McKenzie.
PINCHER CREEK—Warnock.
PONOKA—Campbell.
ST. ALBERT—Boudreau.
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STATHCONA—Rutherford.
STATHCONA—Shaw.
STURGEON—Boyle.
VEGEBVILLE—Holden.
VICTORIA—Walker.
WETASKIN—Henderson.

CONSERVATIVES.

CALGARY—Bennett.
HIGH RIVER—Stanley.

INDEPENDENTS.

LETHBRIDGE DISTRICT—McLean.

RED DEER—Mitchener.

Conservatives are leading in three other constituencies, and are probably elected.

Edmonton, March 22.—The Liberal party of this province, under the leadership of Hon. A. C. Rutherford, won a sweeping victory at the polls today, when the electors gave most hearty endorsement of the Government's appeal.

Today there were two Conservatives and two Independents elected, all the rest being Liberals. No returns from the Conservatives have been received. There was no doubt at all about the general result. That was conceded by the Conservatives when on Monday they met in caucus. They went by default out of a total of 39. The Liberals elected by acclamation were W. P. Puffer, in Lacombe, Peter Gunn, in Lac Ste. Anne, R. T. Telford, in Ledue, P. E. Lessard, in Paken, Charles Stewart, in Sedgewick, H. W. McKenney, in Pembina, R. Boyle, in Sturgeon, and Frank Walker, in Victoria. As only one Conservative was nominated in Edmonton, a two-thirds vote was necessary to elect him. The Liberals were really nine acclamations. The elections in Peace River and Athabasca were deferred.

Bennett in Second Place.

Edmonton, March 22.—R. B. Bennett is returned in Calgary, but the poll there is headed by Hon. Mr. Cushing, who polled 161 more votes than Bennett. The Liberals polled 1,000 more votes than the Conservatives. The Conservatives were really nine acclamations. The elections in Peace River and Athabasca were deferred.

In Edmonton both Government candidates were returned by pluralities aggregating 1,000 and 1,000. There was marked the occasion with a torchlight procession. The Independent Liberal lost his deposit.

Up to date the electors in the county districts cannot be given with any certainty.

MacLeod, with four polls to lead from, Genereux and Neill were tied.

Socialists Have One.

The Socialists have elected one man and one woman. The Independent Conservative, Moore, in Pembina, the veteran Liberal (Con.) is reported to be the only Liberal in the main followed, but was very largely forgotten in the election. The Government on its railway policy and its attitude toward the farmers, and its attitude toward the farmers, and its attitude toward the farmers.

M'CLARY'S CIVILIAN

RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Was Held the Other
Evening—Banquet Also.

The annual meeting of the McClary Civilian Rifle Association was held in the "Famous" banquet hall, Wellington and King streets, the other evening. At a quarter to eight a business meeting took place at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Captain, J. K. H. Tope; secretary, T. Patterson; treasurer, J. C. Rose; managing committee, Major Hayes, W. Gibbins, J. M. Gunn; coach, George Harris; house committee, Messrs. Harris, Patterson and Ellis. The banquet was held at 8:30. Mr. J. K. H. Tope, president of the association, presided. Speeches were made by Col. Gatt, who donated special prizes to be shot for every year; R. S. Wilson, who had the highest individual score for the year; Major Hayes, J. S. Taylor, of the Thorndale Rifle Association, and Mr. A. Briggs.

Musical selections were rendered by Messrs. Milligan, Kingsmill, Wilson and Towton.

A very pleasing event took place when Mr. J. K. H. Tope, president of the McClary Rifle Association, asked Mr. Pope to accept the cup which the club had won for 1908.

LITTLE GIRL DIES AS
RESULT OF THE SHOT

Tilsonburg Child Was Wounded
By Her Brother on Friday
Last.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Tilsonburg, March 22.—Jessie Ryan, the little girl who was shot in the side by her younger brother on Friday, while he was playing with a loaded gun, died here last evening.

It was thought on Sunday that she might recover, but on Sunday evening her condition became worse, and she died yesterday.

The loss of blood and the shock to her system were too much, and she failed to rally, as the physicians hoped for.

THE EX-PRESIDENT
IS OFF FOR AFRICA

Roosevelt Sails Away on the
First Stage of His Tour—
Gets Great Sendoff.

New York, March 22.—Theodore Roosevelt sailed away from his native land today on the first stage of his journey to the wilds of East Africa in search of big game, in which the regions abound. From his country home at Oyster Bay to the steamship dock in Hoboken, the ex-president route resembled a triumphal march, the greetings of the crowds which had gathered there to wish him good luck being expressed all along the way.

A feature of the trip was that Mr. Roosevelt rode for the first time in the tunnel under the Hudson from New York to Jersey City.

When he arrived at the Hamburg-American Line pier, where he boarded the steamer Albatross, he was greeted by a throng of his fellow countrymen, who greeted the ex-president, and as he appeared, loud cheers greeted him. He smiled and bowed cordially at the salute of the assembly, and seemed pleased at the demonstration in his honor.

Shortly before the steamer sailed Mr. Roosevelt, escorted by a detachment of local police, appeared at the gangway which led to the pier. The police had cleared an open space across the pier to the pier where the American Chamber of Commerce of New York had a bronze tablet in readiness to present him. The appearance of Mr. Roosevelt was the signal for tremendous cheering by the crowds on the pier, and on the steamer the cheering was also tremendous. The boys from Stevens Institute, in Hoboken, let loose their college yell.

Mr. Roosevelt, dressed in a suit of police escorting him, was very broken through by the pressure of the eager crowd, and the ex-president was endeavoring to fight off the onrush. He was surrounded by a throng of people, and he was surrounded by a throng of people, and he was surrounded by a throng of people.

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WESTERN TRACTION CO.

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Doing Profitable
Business.

The announcement is made that the London and Western Traction Company have been appointed temporary receivers of the Southwestern Traction Company.

It has been known for some time that the company has been in financial difficulties, but it was not thought that these were serious, nor is it thought that the company will be forced to the wall.

At the present time it is one of the best paying traction propositions in the country. Last year the road carried over 500,000 people, and the business has shown a steady increase all the time.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECAST.
Toronto, March 22—3 a.m.
Wednesday—South wind; fair; stationary or higher temperatures.

TEMPERATURES.
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LEGISLATION TALK
ABOUT THE AUTO

The Ontario Act Claimed To Be
the Best on the Continent for
Drivers of Horses.

TRUANCY ALSO DISCUSSED

Difficulty in Getting Truant Officers
Appointed—The Auto Has Come
to Stay.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 22.—The principal topic of discussion in the Legislature yesterday was automobiles, and the fact was brought to light that the Ontario automobile act was considered by drivers and owners of horses to be the best law on the continent. A special committee will be appointed to make a few necessary minor amendments to the act.

Truancy was also discussed, and several consolidated Government bills were introduced. Hon. Mr. Cochrane introduced a bill to provide better protection for miners in case of accident. In future when an inquest is held the inspector of mines must be notified. Mr. Cochrane also introduced a bill which defines definitely that only in the municipality where a profitable mine is worked can the owner be assessed on his income.

Trouble About Truancy.

In reply to the leader of the Opposition regarding the revision of the truancy act, Hon. Mr. Pyne said the difficulty in the past had been to get municipal authorities to appoint truancy officers. Mr. MacKay admitted that such was the case, and thought if the appointments were left in the hands of school boards men would be appointed who would take care of the matter. Mr. Pyne said the law, Mr. A. H. Musgrave (North Huron) agreed with Mr. MacKay. Mr. Valentine Stock (South Perth) introduced the views which had been expressed. He thought it would be unfortunate if a community which already had an efficient police force which could do the master should be continued on page nine.

THREATENED TO RIDDLE
HIS WIFE WITH BULLETS

James Thompson Can be Play-
fully Cute on Certain
Occasions.

While going home in the street car on Friday evening, James Thompson suddenly got mad at his wife, and told her he would shoot her. A moment later he added that if she dared to come home he would riddle her with bullets. Mrs. Thompson dared to go home, and there Thompson continued to threaten until finally Detective Nickle was called in and he was arrested.

After hearing her story of Mrs. Thompson, which was to the effect that Thompson left her nearly two years ago, and had been living in Port William until about ten days ago, and had not contributed one cent toward the support of his children, the court remarked that he thought Thompson had good nerve to conduct himself so in his wife's house.

HAD MONEY.

Thompson, it was shown, had been making about a day, and when arrested he had \$50 on him. He promised positively to live better if he was given a chance to go home. However, said the court, he would never live with him any more, and the court ordered him to pay her \$4 out of the \$50, and to stay away from her house altogether, under penalty of arrest.

Thompson is, moreover, to pay as much as he can toward the support of his children and was bailed in the sum of \$500 personal bail to appear again in two weeks and make the first payment.

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THE INSURANCE BILL

Brought Up Before the Banking Com-
mittee of the House.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 22.—Representatives of the leading insurance companies of Canada appeared before the banking committee this morning to give their views on the insurance bill. Mr. MacDonald, president of the Life Officers' Association, was first. He stated that the life officers regarded the present bill as a great improvement over the bill of last year, but at the same time this new provision was too drastic and revolutionary. He specified among such the provisions regarding the limitations of expense of securing business and management, and to investment by way of loan. The insurance men will be before the committee for several days.

A Popular Whist.

South London Whist.
The regular weekly whist matches will be held in the rooms of the South London Liberal Club on Friday evening. Excellent prizes will be offered. The winner of the prize last week was Mr. Alex. Kippen. The prize was a box of cigars presented by Mr. A. H. Brainer.

THE TWO WHITLAS
LEAVE FOR HOME

The \$10,000 Ransom for the Boy
Was Paid in Grocery Store
on Monday.

Cleveland, March 22.—James P. Whitla and his son Billy left today for the family home in Sharon, Pa., and were escorted to the railroad depot by a cheering crowd of people. The kidnapped youngster was clasped in the arms of his father from the moment they left the Hollenden Hotel until they reached the train.

James P. Whitla was not inclined to discuss the manner of ransom or the plans of the family in dealing with the kidnapping.

"I am so glad to have the boy in my arms," said the father, half smiling and half crying, "that I have given no thought to the kidnapers. That will be up to the police, and as I live and breathe, I am not worrying over their movements."

The \$10,000 ransom of Billy Whitla was paid to his kidnapers in a grocery store at East Fifth Third street and Standard avenue, an hour after noon Monday.

Hayes Got the Money.

The ransom was received by an ordinarily-dressed, workingman, who gave his name as Hayes.

He picked up the package filled with yellow-backed bills, smiled and left.

Mrs. Bernard Hendrickson, temporarily in charge of the store for her mother, Mrs. Margaret Uhl, forgot to notice which way the man went, and at the door of the grocery is the trace of the police in the store.

Mr. Hayes stepped into the store that noon and asked if a package had been left for him. Mrs. Hendrickson, without noting his appearance, told him there had not been. An hour later a prosperous-looking man, who said his name was Williams, came in with a small package in his pocket. "He said he wanted to leave it for a man named Hayes," said Mrs. Hendrickson. "He said he was a lawyer, and he said he was a lawyer, and he said he was a lawyer."

Williams left the package and not two minutes later Hayes came in and asked me, "Is my package here?" told him that it was and he smiled. Without another word he took it from the counter and went away. The cigar case and went away. The Uhl grocery store is in the rear of Standard street and is one of those familiar small establishments where school children may purchase pencils and note books. The place was well-chosen. Mrs. Uhl, the proprietor has conducted the store for seventeen years. She was not in the store when the package of the ransom took place and only her daughter, the wife of an employee of the Natural Gas Company, was a witness to the transfer.

Sharon, Pa., March 22.—Willie Whitla arrived here at 12:00 o'clock on Sunday. Fully 5,000 persons extended the boy a demonstrative greeting. Cheering and shouting, the crowd followed the boy and his father to the Whitla home.

PORT STANLEY IS HOT
AFTER THE STEEL PLANT

Meeting Was Held at Which
Ald. Ferguson Was Invited
to Go South.

The possibility that the United States Steel Corporation will establish their plant at Port Stanley is creating a great deal of interest in London, a seaside suburb, and at a mass meeting last night in that village it was decided to ask Ald. Donald Ferguson, of London, to come and address the council on the subject. Mr. Ferguson, and Mayor Geddes, of St. Thomas, will also be invited. Reeve William Jackson there was a great deal of enthusiasm over the prospect, and a number of the speakers declared that Port Stanley could offer splendid advantages to the company.

St. Thomas Excited.

St. Thomas is also considerably excited over the proposition. Ald. Guest, chairman of the industrial committee, has called a meeting of the committee for Monday night, and the board of trade will also meet this week to discuss the question.

So far little has been done locally. Mr. Ferguson is in touch with some of the members of the corporation, and it will be an easy matter to arrange a meeting with them.

Mayor Is Away.

Mayor Stevens is out of town at the present time, and a meeting will be arranged until he returns. It is understood, however, that both St. Thomas and Port Stanley will send deputations to Pittsburgh to talk the question over with the steel company.

Every effort will be made to get the company to locate its Canadian plant in Port Stanley.

TRIP-TO-EUROPE
LATEST COUNT

Standing of Candidates in the
Great Contest Up to Satur-
day Night

LIVELY COMPETITIONS

Nearly All Contestants Show Decided
Increases—Some Changes in the
Positions—Vote Mounting Up.

Below will be seen the record of votes in The Advertiser's Trip-to-Europe contest, polled up to Saturday night. The vote shows a decided increase for almost every candidate, and as a result there are fewer relative changes in the standings. No. 1 district still holds the palm for the highest vote polled, one candidate having passed the hundred-thousand mark. In district No. 3 two candidates have changed places. In district No. 4 the contest has become exceptionally keen. There is also a splendid competition in district No. 5, with a large number of entries, and several candidates very close; so close as to make every change of fortune very interesting.

In district No. 8 the candidate who stood fourth in the last published standings has now reached second place. There is also a splendid competition in district No. 5, with a large number of entries, and several candidates very close; so close as to make every change of fortune very interesting.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

All that territory inside the city limits, north of, but not including Wellington street, and east of, but not including both sides of Dundas street, and including both sides of Wellington street.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street. 103,079
Miss Mary T. Mackenzie, 126 Mount Pleasant avenue. 48,709
Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street. 25,343
Miss Marie Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue. 5,151
Mrs. Norman Roberts, Richmond and John streets. 2,842

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.