

**AWFUL TORTURE
LEAVES MIND AN
ABSOLUTE BLANK**

Eighteen-year-old Girl, Held Captive for 36 Hours, Returns to Her Home in Daze—Sleeps for 100 Hours.

UNABLE TO TELL
OF HER EXPERIENCE

**Wanders Aimlessly Through
Grounds of Her Home, but
Is Unable to Recognize Any
Members of Her Own
Family.**

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—Pretty Clara Koster, the 18-year-old country girl who was abducted and held captive for over 36 hours, was mysteriously returned early Tuesday to her father's home at Shoustown in an apparently lifeless condition, is tonight hovering between life and death. She is still in a daze from her terrible experience, not recognizing even her parents.

The girl will be moved early tomorrow to a Pittsburg hospital. So serious has her condition become in the past few hours that physicians fear she will not live throughout the night. Late tonight it was decided by her pastor and the pastor of the church of which Clara is a member

life-long member, as they despaired of their daughter ever recovering consciousness. Tonight the girl acts as one in a trance. All efforts to secure her attention were fruitless and until she fell completely exhausted she persisted in wandering aimlessly about the house and grounds surrounding her home.

Babbles Incoherently.

She babbles continually in an incoherent manner about a yellow-bodied buggy and a tall dark man.

The two physicians in attendance disagree as to the mysterious power that holds the young girl in its thrall. Dr. C. P. Kerr maintains that she was

The girl was awakened shortly before noon today after a sleep that lasted over 100 hours.

Her inability to relate the experiences through which she passed has tied the hands of the county detectives and they can do nothing, but wait pass-

sively for developments in the hope that she will become conscious. The neighbors are still much aroused believing firmly in the theory that she was abducted and shamefully abused.

Lay as if Dead.

When she awoke she dressed before it was discovered she had again regained consciousness. Opening the door of her room where she had laid apparently lifeless for so long the girl, with faltering steps, walked into another room where she asked for a

drink of water. She drained the glass and walking to a window attempted to open it. Her father barred the way and, apparently unseeing, with her eyes staring straight ahead, she turned and seated herself in a chair. She has

spent the greater part of the day walking aimlessly through the grounds of her home, unable to recognize anyone. Tonight her condition is regarded as critical and it was decided to send her to a hospital.

BOMB THROWER HANGED.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 1.—Francisco Ceddio, an Italian murderer, was hanged at Kamloops yesterday. He was convicted of having blown up the Niagara Hotel near Greenwood, B. C., a year ago last January. Ceddio was infatuated with the daughter of the hotel proprietor and when she refused to marry him he blew up the hotel, killing the girl.

MARRIED - At Marble Collegiate Church, 45th Avenue and 25th Street, New York City, on July 1, 1908, by Rev. John A. Mayberry of Philadelphia to Miss Blanche May Wildanger of Pittsburgh, the Rev. John S. Allen, D. D., officiating.

from St. Columba's church at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. 172

DAVIS—In this city, July 30, 1908, David, son of the late David, and Margaret Davis, and brother of James, Patrick and Katherine Davis and Mrs. James Skinner. Funeral from the family residence, No. 590 Swan Street, Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock, and from St. Patrick's Church at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited to at-

DELLAY—On July 31, 1908, Dennis Dellay, brother of Mrs. Mary Hayes and Mrs. Michael Comerford, uncle of Daniel, Dennis, and Thomas Dellay, died at his home, 148 Hamburg street, at the age of 64 years. Funeral will take place from family residence, No. 148 Hamburg street, Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to St. Mary's church. Burial in the cemetery of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 9 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

DELLAY in this city, August 1, 1908, Elizabeth, wife of the late Hartman Moehl, mother of Mrs. John Ludwig, Mrs. Gottlieb, Mrs. George, Mrs. Fred Fein, Mrs. Philiphena, and Hartman Moehl, aged 80 years. Funeral

HICKEY—On July 31, 1908, Julia A. Hickey, sister of the late Eugene and John L. Hickey, and aunt of Mrs. Joseph T. Mahaney and Julia M. Hickey, The

Funeral will take place from the family residence, No. 605 North Division Street, on Monday morning at 5 o'clock, and from St. Columba's Church at 9 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend.

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