

SUSPECT CLARK WAS A VICTIM OF KIDNAPERS

Spokane Millionaire Who Disappeared in Los Angeles Last January May Be Prisoner on Santa Barbara Isle

CLAIRVOYANTS' PLOT
SUSPECTED BY POLICE

Detective Held for Extortion,
May Know Whereabouts
of Lost Man.

(By the International News Service.)

Los Angeles, Cal., May 30.—Developments in the Long Beach clairvoyant swindle today prompted Police Investigator Felts to ask the Santa Barbara police tonight to make another investigation into the strange disappearance of Millionaire F. Lewis Clark there January 14. The local police detectives believe that Clark is alive, and that he is now being held for ransom in the Santa Barbara Islands. Felts claims to have a series of circumstances which tend to prove this theory.

In the event that Mrs. F. Lewis Clark sanctions the plan, an expedition will be started from Santa Barbara within two days to thoroughly search the islands. The police authorities in Spokane, Wash., according to Felts, will be asked tomorrow to interrogate Mrs. Clark concerning the alleged conversation she has had with mediums and clairvoyants who are supposedly involved in the alleged intricate plot of kidnaping and subterfuge.

Believes Clark Was Kidnaped.

Felts claims that he has reason to believe that Millionaire Clark was induced to take an interest in spiritualism. Through this, according to Felts, the millionaire induced his wife to leave Santa Barbara and go to San Francisco. Shortly after she left Santa Barbara Felts believes that the conspirators persuaded Clark to go aboard a steam launch. Then, as the detective reasons, the millionaire was taken away in bondage.

With this accomplished, Felts believes that the blackmailers then approached Mrs. Clark through a medium.

It is claimed that a number of women worked for Byron, and that more than one scheme for blackmail was evolved by them. A woman who is now being widely sought by the authorities is alleged to have written a number of threatening letters to a prominent merchant of Santa Monica, demanding that he pay her "hush money."

Medium Met Mrs. Clarke.

The police detective says he has information to show Mrs. Clark was met in Los Angeles upon her arrival here by a woman medium, who agreed to locate the missing husband.

In addition to the meetings which

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