

# RAN OFF WITH THE BOY

## Supposed Case Of Kidnapping At Perry Hall

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD EXCITED

The Disappearance Of 10-Year-Old Harry Duntz Follows Alleged Discovery Of Gold In The County.

Much excitement was caused yesterday at Perry Hall, a Baltimore county village, about 10 miles from Baltimore, on the Belair road, by the disappearance of Harry Duntz, the 10-year-old son of Mrs. Alice Duntz and a nephew of Mr. William Duntz.

Mr. Duntz called at the Central Police Station last night and informed Lieutenant Cole of the boy's disappearance. He said the boy had been kidnapped by a man who gave his name as Edgar Davis, and said he was a son of "Senator Davis, of Virginia," and a grandson of Jefferson Davis.

Mr. Duntz said that gold had been discovered on the property of his sister-in-law and on his own property and that a company headed by a Mr. Smith, keeper of a store at Middle River, and composed of a number of gentlemen from Baltimore had already leased a portion of Mrs. Duntz's property and were going to begin work at once. There is a great deal of quartz on the place, and in this, it is said, are traces of gold.

According to Mr. Duntz's story, Davis went to his home on last Tuesday and engaged board from his sister-in-law. The man said he represented the Smithsonian Institute at Washington and wished to prospect for gold. He said he knew the members of the company from Baltimore who were about to lease the property. He engaged Harry Duntz to show him through the woods and took daily walks, apparently seeking for the gold.

Yesterday was the day the members of the company were to arrive and close the arrangements for the leasing of the property. Just as they reached the place, Davis was seen to go into the woods with the boy, but instead of going to where the gold was said to be started off in another direction. When last seen he was about one mile from the Duntz home, making in the direction of the cars with the boy. The members of the company said they did not know Davis.

Davis is described as being about 25 years old, blind in one eye, with a smooth face, weighs about 135 pounds and wore a light suit of clothes and a light soft hat. The boy is heavily built and wore a dark shirt waist, dark knee breeches and a large straw hat.

Mr. Duntz said that it had been known for some time that gold was to be found in that locality, and that a party went there from Philadelphia some time ago, but could do nothing with it. He said the gold fever had struck the people at Perry Hall and they were constantly talking of the prospects of big finds.