

JAMES H. PARKE FOUND

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DETECTIVE LOMBARD'S MONTH'S
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HE AND THE YOUNG MAN NOW ON
THEIR WAY TO DETROIT.

Parke Was Roaming Around With No Ob-
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Detective Lombard's long search after James H. Parke, the son of H. C. Parke, president of Parke, Davis & Co., who so mysteriously disappeared from New York one month ago, came to a sudden and rather unexpected end yesterday, when the Detroit sleuth found the young man on a south-bound train at Coaling, a small station about forty miles south of Birmingham, Ala., in a somewhat dilapidated condition.

Shortly after the disappearance of young Mr. Parke, Wetmore Worthley, a New York newspaper man and a friend of the missing man, who had started on a search for Mr. Parke, arrived at Chatham and subsequently at Sarnia, where he was quite sure of locating him. He was accompanied by Walter H. Clay, another New York man who was interested in finding the missing friend. At Sarnia they were disappointed when they found a man, some years older than the one they were looking for, but who bore a very strong resemblance to Mr. Parke.

The two New Yorkers repaired to this city and had a conference with Hervey C. Parke, after which they left for the east, accompanied by Detective Lombard, who knows young Parke very well, and who was allowed by Supt. Starkweather to start out in quest of Parke, at the request of the young man's father. Mr. Lombard was absent until about ten days ago, when he returned to Detroit, only to go forth again a few days later, when he received word that a clue had been found, showing that Parke, or some person strongly resembling him, was somewhere down south. It was not until last Friday that word was received from Detective Lombard in this city. It was from Chattanooga, Tenn., and to the effect that he had learned of a person answering the description having been in that town and also around Lookout Mountain, and saying that he, the detective, would follow the clue, faint as it was. It proved to be correct, however, as appears from the following special dispatch received by The Free Press late last night:

Birmingham, Ala., May 21.—(Special.)—James H. Parke, the 26-year-old son of Hervey C. Parke, of Parke, Davis & Co., manufacturing druggists of Detroit, who mysteriously disappeared from New York, was found at Coaling, a small station about forty miles south of here on the Alabama Great Southern Railway, late yesterday afternoon. From New York to Chattanooga, Tenn., he was easily traced by detectives, who there lost track of him and could not tell by which route he left. A description was given to an Alabama Great Southern conductor, who reported to Detective J. C. Lombard as having seen him at Fort Payne. Detective Lombard followed up his man, but after he left Fort Payne for two or three days nothing was heard of him. The trail was again struck here, and it was soon learned that he had left, going south. At some place south of here he boarded the blind baggage of a Queen & Crescent passenger train, in which he rode as far as Coaling, where the conductor put him off. For this the conductor says he thanked him. Lombard, who happened to be on the train, was notified and at once took charge of him. They left this afternoon for Detroit. The police have been on the lookout for him for some time, but failed to locate him. When he left New York he had only \$10 in his pocket and was neatly dressed, but when overtaken was dusty and considerably travel-worn.

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Immediately after the receipts of this telegram Harvey C. Parke was interviewed by a representative of The Free Press. He was asked if he had received any news of the whereabouts of his missing son, and he replied that he had not. He said he had been very anxious to hear some news for three days past, because the last information as to the possible recovery of his son had been received by him last Friday.

"I learned then," he said, "that Detective Lombard was in Chattanooga, Tenn., when he had found out in some roundabout way that a person, whose description tallied with that of my son, had been seen in Birmingham, Ala. Ever since then I have been anxiously waiting for news from him and I got so worked up over it that I had made up my mind to call upon Supt. Starkweather the first thing in the morning to ascertain why no further news had been received. Have you heard anything?"

"Yes," was the answer. "The Free Press has just received a dispatch from Birmingham, Ala., that your son has been found near there by Detective Lombard, who is now on his way home with him."

Mr. Parke was very much affected by this information, but at once his joyous feeling was marred by a sudden doubt of the correctness of the information.

"Are you sure that what you tell me is true?" he asked. "Is this not some rumor that has come to you because of the dispatch sent to the chief of police by Detective Lombard last Friday?"

Mr. Parke was assured that the news had just been obtained by a telegram from The Free Press correspondent at Alabama.

"Mr. Lombard knows your son pretty well, does he not?" queried the reporter.

"Of course he does, and that is why I asked the chief of police to send Mr. Lombard out on the search for him, because he knows him so well."

"In that case there can be no doubt that your son has been found," said The Free Press representative. "because Detective Lombard could not possibly have made a mistake. The information we received is positively true, for Mr. Lombard could not start on his trip back to Detroit with the wrong man, knowing your son so well as you say."

"Decidedly, he does. Oh, I am so glad to know that the boy has been found."

It seems from the description given of young Parke in the special telegram that he has been out of his head for some time and been traveling across the country at random.

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