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Nationwide Hunt Is Underway For Ross Kidnappers

Men Launch Nation-wide Search For Kidnappers Of Chicago Man This Morning.

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Chicago, Oct. 19.—(UPI)—G-men began a nationwide hunt for kidnappers of Charles S. Ross, who failed to return him after receiving \$50,000 ransom from his kidnappers.

Within an hour of expiration of the deadline laid down by Ross's kidnappers in a public appeal to the abductors, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal bureau of investigation, made public a list of ransom notes.

Hoover said the ransom was paid and the family received what he believed to be definite proof that they were in contact with the kidnappers of Mr. Ross.

Mrs. Ross's statement Sunday, regarding for return of her husband at 8 a.m. today, indicated belief that she suspected the abductors were not able to return their victim alive. Ross suffered from heart disease and it was believed that the excitement of his experience had proved fatal.

"Due to the long absence," Mrs. Ross said, "I believe those responsible are unable to return my husband at this time."

Ross, retired publisher of greeting cards, was seized Sept. 25 on a lonely suburban road while motoring with his secretary, Miss Florence Freihage. Two men carried him away after asking Miss Freihage if the Ross family was "good for a touch of half a million."

Hoover, in a statement issued through Daniel J. Ladd and Earl Connelly, Chicago agents of the FBI, said the family of Ross had agreed to a "reasonable length of time."

We, of course, could not be a party to the payment of the ransom in a kidnapping case," Hoover's statement continued, "and necessarily the same was handled by the FBI."

As we are advised, his family waited for a reasonable period of time beyond the time the kidnappers apparently indicated they would release Mr. Ross and then made a formal appeal to the kidnappers for the release of Mr. Ross as was received by the various papers on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, 1937.

We, of course, desire that the kidnappers give as wide publicity as possible to these lists which have been distributed to the usual sources, and that you indicate to the public that it is the desire of the federal bureau of investigation and the public on the alert for the appearance of these bills, either now in their possession or subsequently may be received.

It is desired that anyone finding any of these bills communicate with the Chicago office of the federal bureau of investigation, department of justice, Randolph 6226, in order to furnish us with information and the details of the way they obtained it.

It is very important that anyone having any of these bills immediately furnish this information for the reason that should they fall to do so and pass same into the hands of another person will necessarily complicate the explanation of such party as to how it originally came into his possession.

Of course, anyone coming into possession of information concerning these bills in the territory located near to another office of the federal bureau of investigation, department of justice should communicate with the office nearest to the place where they are located.

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League Speaker



ABANDON HOPE OF BALANCING FISCAL BUDGET

October Budget Shows

Nation's Eighth Consecutive Deficit

Washington, Oct. 19.—(UPI)—President Roosevelt abandoned hope today of a layman's balanced budget in this fiscal year but presented the country with alternatives of quick economy or higher taxes to bring expenditures within federal revenue.

Mr. Roosevelt's October budget report confronted the nation with its eighth consecutive deficit and pointed the public debt toward a new \$37,000,000,000 high.

Mr. Roosevelt acknowledged that the treasury gold sterilization policy probably would force the public debt considerably beyond the \$37,119,858,732 figure indicated in this budget summation. But sterilized gold is rated a prime asset and available always to reduce the debt at its face value. Mr. Roosevelt's reference to gold was interpreted to mean that the treasury would continue to buy all metal offered here at new deal prices.

Trimming revenue estimates and reducing his spending schedule Mr. Roosevelt looked at a gross deficit of \$895,245,000 on June 30, 1938 at the close of this fiscal year. He estimated the second largest federal income in treasury records. The net deficit, excluding \$200,000,000 for statutory debt retirement, will be \$695,245,000.

Revised budget estimates were made public here last night as Mr. Roosevelt, in a community chest speech from Hyde Park, N. Y., was saying:

"We all agree that unless federal taxes are to be greatly increased, the expenditures have to be brought within the existing tax receipts."

The two presidential statements are expected to arouse an economy storm in the extraordinary session.

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ALVIN CALHOUN ARRESTED HERE

Tennessee Man Arrested On Charges Filed By Bluffton Girl

Alvin Calhoun, 23, Irvin, Tennessee, who has been employed at a garage in Fort Wayne, was taken into custody here Monday night by Bluffton city police. Wells county deputy sheriff Jerry Lantis, officers from Fort Wayne, and Adams county Sheriff Dallas Brown on a warrant charging him with assault and intent to commit rape.

A Bluffton girl is the prosecuting witness.

The officers came here to await arrival of Calhoun when they learned that he planned to meet two brothers here and then complete plans for his escape. The brothers were also taken into custody for a time but were later released.

Calhoun was taken to Fort Wayne, where he will face charges. Officers reported that under questioning until an early hour this morning, Calhoun gave written confession of his guilt. According to the story told by the Bluffton girl and Calhoun's alleged confession, the girl, in company with some other young people, went to Fort Wayne Sunday night. There she met Calhoun, who agreed to bring her to Bluffton on his car.

Near Waynedale, it is alleged, he attacked her. After striking her, he choked her almost into unconsciousness. She resisted the attack and he finally pushed her out of the car. Her hat, coat and pocketbook were left in the car. She started walking toward Bluffton and was met by an Ossian resident and his wife, who turned their car around and took her to Bluffton. At 2 a.m. Monday, the girl and her mother informed the police at Bluffton of the case. They

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K. C. OBSERVE GERMAN NIGHT

Large Crowd Attends Knights Of Columbus Entertainment

Melodic strains from the lusty throats of 150 Knights of Columbus filled downtown Decatur last night as the men matched their voices in such popular German ballads as "Schnitzelbank," "Vas Vilst Du Haben" and "Ach Du Lieber Augustine."

The occasion was the first celebration of the local order in observing "German Night," a meeting when everything was planned according to true German style.

As proof that their appetites were as keen as their voices the men consumed a total of 75 pounds of sauerkraut and a bushel of potatoes before the festivities tapered off.

Included in the 150 present was a large delegation from Fort Wayne. A short talk was made at the opening of the meeting by Joe Luse, member of the committee in charge.

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