

Nationwide Hunt Is Underway For Ross Kidnapers

Men Launch National Search For Kidnapers Of Chicago Man This Morning.

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Chicago, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—G-men began a nationwide hunt for kidnapers of Charles S. Ross, who failed to return his \$50,000 ransom from his captors within an hour of expiration of deadline laid down by Ross's wife in a public appeal to abductors, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, made public a list of ransom notes.

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

Ross's statement Sunday, claiming for return of her husband, was not able to return their victim. Ross suffered from a 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 Freilage. Two men carried away after asking Miss Freilage if the Ross family was "good for a touch of half a million."

Hoover, in a statement issued Sunday, said that the Chicago agents of the federal bureau of investigation had a "reasonable length of time" to the payment of the ransom, a kidnapping case, "and necessary same was handled by the Chicago office."

"We are advised, his family has paid the money waiting for a reasonable period of time and the time the kidnapers apparently indicated they would release Mr. Ross and then made a final appeal to the kidnapers for the release of Mr. Ross as was revealed by the various papers on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, 1937."

"We, of course, desire that the papers 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 that the public be on the alert for the appearance of these bills, either as now in their possession or as subsequently may be received by them."

"It is desired that anyone finding one 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 the information and the details of how they obtained it."

"It is very important that anyone having any of these bills immediately furnish this information to us for the reason that should they fall to do so and pass same to the hands of another person will necessarily complicate the situation 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."

"A complete list of all offices and (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

Schools To Close For Institute This Week

Public school students of the city will receive a two-day vacation from classes on Thursday and Friday of this week, when their instructors attend teachers' institute at Fort Wayne and Indianapolis.

Lions Club To See Pictures Of Mexico

Hat Hunt, of Van Wert, Ohio, will show moving pictures of a trip through Mexico, which he made recently, at the regular meeting of the Lions club this evening. Those who have seen the pictures have stated they are very interesting.

ABANDON HOPE OF BALANCING FISCAL BUDGET

October Budget Shows Nation's Eighth Consecutive Deficit

Washington, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—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 \$37,119,558,732 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 increasing 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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FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

Mrs. Caroline Miller Dies Monday; Burial Here Wednesday

Mrs. Caroline Miller, 80, former resident of Decatur and Adams county, died at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home hospital in Fort Wayne, of infirmities of old age.

A native of Van Wert county, Ohio, Mrs. Miller lived south of Decatur for a number of years, and also lived in this city at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Mauller, until the latter's death three years ago.

Surviving are four children: Mrs. William Hachmeyer, John W. and Howard Miller, all of Fort Wayne; and Ralph Miller of Knoxville, Tennessee; 27 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The body may be viewed at the Scheumann funeral home in Fort Wayne this evening, and Wednesday morning will be removed to the Hachmeyer residence, 515 Colerick street, where funeral services will be held at 1 p. m. Wednesday, followed by services at the First Evangelical church in that city at 1:30. Rev. Dauner will officiate.

Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery, where the body may be viewed before interment rites.

Berne Schools Are Dismissed

The Berne schools have been dismissed for the balance of the week, it has been learned here. The dismissal was occasioned by a breakdown of the heating plant. A vacation was to have started this Thursday due to teachers' institute at Fort Wayne.

W. A. Lower Funeral Held This Morning

Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock at the home on 334 Winchester street for W. A. Lower, prominent Decatur business man, who died suddenly Saturday evening after a heart attack.

The Rev. George O. Walton, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiated, assisted by the Rev. George S. Loder pastor of the Evangelical church. Ritualistic services were given at the home by the Knights of Pythias lodge. Two vocal solos were sung by Mrs. Dan Tyndall. Burial was made in the Decatur cemetery.

Pilots of Ill-Fated Airliner



John B. Adams



Earl D. Woodgerd

Among the 19 persons aboard the huge United Airlines plane which crashed 12 miles southwest of Evanston, Wyo., in the most desolate section of the state, were Earl D. Woodgerd, chief pilot, and John B. Adams, co-pilot, both of Denver. The ship was sighted by a searching party from the air about 12 hours after it had been reported okay by Pilot Woodgerd while 75 miles east of his next stop at Salt Lake City.

JURY SELECTED TO HEAR CLAIM

Action Against William Sellemeyer Estate Is Heard In Court

A jury was selected shortly before noon this morning to hear the \$2,250 claim action brought against the estate of William Sellemeyer by Nina Medaugh in the Adams circuit court.

The evidence was begun this afternoon after the presentation of the case by the attorneys.

Herman Sellemeyer is executor of the estate.

The amended claim, which seeks \$2,250, alleges requested money is for services rendered during the life of the decedent, Mr. Sellemeyer, "consisting of nursing and caring for his home, washing and mending his clothing and bedding, and caring for his room from January 18, 1933 to the date of his death, January 21, 1936," and other services.

The itemized account of the money due as presented in the amended complaint is: personal services for 156½ weeks at \$14 a week, \$2,191; furnishing the house for the body following the death, \$50. Credit was given for a payment made by the decedent of \$270, leaving a balance of \$1,971. Costs, interest and attorney fees are also asked.

This is one of two claim actions which will probably be brought against the estate. The other is filed by O. L. Vance and may be heard before a jury in the Adams circuit court this term. Both were set for trial today.

Members of the regular panel of the jury who were approved for the case are: John W. Blakey, Union township; George F. Cook, Wabash township; John C. Fleming, Union township; William Kruetzman, Union township; Henry C. Miller and Gottlieb Werling, Preble.

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DENSE FOG IS FELT IN CITY

Only One Slight Accident Reported Despite Heavy Fog

A dense, London-like fog settled over the city late last night following the heavy rains early in the day. Adding to the danger of slippery streets and poor vision caused by the constant drizzle, the fog made driving doubly hazardous.

Despite the adverse driving conditions, only one minor auto accident was reported for this community.

D. F. Human, proprietor of a local store, drove his car into the rear of another last night about 11:45 o'clock. He told police that he was unable to see the car until too late, because of the fog. The Suman car was badly damaged.

Late visitors downtown last night were attracted by the unusual number of truck drivers and tourists, who parked on Decatur streets, evidently to rest their eyes, tired from the strain of trying to see through the fog.

The fog climaxed one of the heaviest rains of the season, which was accompanied by unusually warm temperatures, following the recent advent of colder weather. Thermometers hovered around the 60 degree mark most of the night.

CHINA LEADERS TO DEMAND AID AT CONFERENCE

Chinese Leaders To Demand Material Aid To Fight Japanese

(Copyright 1937, by United Press) Shanghai, Oct. 19.—(U.P.) China's leaders will demand at the Brussels far eastern conference that they be given material aid with which to sweep the Japanese from all China, it was asserted today in well informed Chinese quarters.

It was said that the government is preparing a program of the strongest sort for the conference, as mediation and leave Japan in its former position of dominance in the north.

This decision, informants said, was due to the success of the Chinese army — of resisting the full might of Japan's war machine.

Not only were the Chinese resisting more strongly than they had hoped, but Chinese spokesmen here and at Nanking today laid claim to new victories of major importance and the Japanese themselves admitted that here the Chinese were holding fast.

Chinese army spokesmen asserted today that their men had retaken the blood-pooled village of Kechia-pai-lou in the Woeung sector of the Chinese front, where yesterday a force of 1,400 Chinese died to the last man rather than retreat.

Japanese at dawn attacked in the Tazang-Mengkaza sector under one of the heaviest artillery barrages of the entire war, while Japanese planes bombed behind the Chinese lines.

Five hours after this attack started, a Japanese spokesman said that not only were the Chinese holding their ground at other points but that they actually were receiving reinforcements at a startling counter attack.

At Nanking, it was asserted that Chinese had retaken the town of Ksukow, in northern Shansi province—the far northwest of the country—and captured a great amount of equipment. It was asserted further that the 8th route army, formerly the Chinese communist army, had won numerous successes upon Gen. Chu Teh, the "Red Napoleon." Scattered forces of Guerillas, it was said, had won other engagements against Japanese units, many of them perilously far from base. The Chinese say that some Japanese units are receiving food only by airplane.

It is such news as this that impelled Chinese leaders in drafting a program for the Brussels conference. Only 11 days remain before the conference opens, and there has been no sign that Chinese resistance was cracking.

Hence, United Press informants (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

STOCKS BREAK TO LOW LEVELS

Stock Market Breaks To Lowest Levels In Two Years

New York, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Stocks broke to the lowest levels in two years today in the heaviest selling since mid-1933. Tickets were more than 20 minutes late as trading turned into the afternoon. Volume in the first hour amounted to 2,210,000 shares, the largest since July 7, 1933, when it was the same amount. Losses ranged to 13 points in allied chemical. Openings were in blocks of 1,000 to 25,000 shares.

Investment trust buying came in to the market and lifted prices a point or so from the lows. There were reports of foreign buying. Speculators took a hand as the second hour ended.

Meanwhile commodities were hammered down. Stocks on foreign markets, notably international issues, weakened.

Most of the selling in the share market at the opening was of the necessities variety — response to margin calls. One broker reported margin accounts vanishing and the market getting down to a cash basis.

Wheat Prices Crash

Chicago, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Wheat prices crashed more than three cents a bushel today on the Chicago board of trade as speculators and traders dumped their grain holdings on the market as the New York stock market continued to fall.

The break on wheat at the opening of the day's trading was 1½ to 3½ cents a bushel. Sharpest break was in May futures, which sold at 96½ cents, off 3½ cents. December wheat was 96½, off 2½ cents and July crop sold at 90½, off 3 cents.

All of the early selling, without exception, came from traders who feared the New York stock market would continue to lower levels and who dumped supplies in large quantities.

All traders in the pit appeared on the selling side and as the flood of offers grew an almost complete lack of takers became apparent. Weakness in the market at (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

HOLD SUSPECT AS MURDERER

Suspect In Indiana Girl's Shooting Held In Illinois

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Sheriff William Hosinski today announced the arrest of Dewey Garland of Grace, Ky., as a suspect in the murder of 16-year-old Melba Moore, slain last Tuesday night in an automobile on lonely Bitter-sweet road.

Garland, who reportedly fled Kentucky Oct. 7 after killing a woman and wounding her daughter, was captured early today in Danville, Ill., and is being held in Champaign, Ill., Hosinski said. He admitted the Kentucky slaying, according to the sheriff but denied he was connected with the murder of Miss Moore.

Garland was arrested after P. H. Fields, of Grace, Ky., noticed the similarity between the Kentucky crime and the slaying of Miss Moore. He notified Hosinski, who broadcast a radio alarm last night. Questioning of the prisoner at Champaign will determine whether he will be extradited here, Sheriff Hosinski said.

Meantime, police reported they have found an automobile believed (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

All Occupants Of Wrecked Airliner Killed By Crash

NO WADING ALLOWED

Local police failed to sympathize with the wishes of a local grown man last night in his desire to go barefoot wading on the wet streets of downtown Decatur, with the result that he was taken home after promising to leave his shoes on.

A number of passersby had become interested in watching the man doffing shoes and sox as he left a local business house, when police broke up the "wading party."

LAMB SHOW IN 1938 PLANNED

Archbold, Johnson Attend Meeting To Plan For Lamb Show

County Agent L. E. Archbold and Everett Johnson represented Adams county at a meeting of agricultural agents, held in the Chamber of Commerce building in Fort Wayne Monday to make plans for the 1938 lamb show.

Mr. Johnson is temporary chairman of the lamb program for the county.

The 1938 show for northern Indiana will be held July 7 at the Union stockyards in Fort Wayne.

A program for the event was partially formed including listing of the types of exhibits. Four-H club members may display pens of three and five lambs; adult exhibits are to include ten lambs.

Educational features will include the display of choice and cull lambs ready for market and the carcasses of choice and cull lambs as pre-

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MILK DELIVERY RESUMED TODAY

Milk Deliveries Are Ordered Resumed Today At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—Milk deliveries to Indianapolis homes and business establishments, suspended for 12 days as result of a stormy labor controversy, were resumed today by all but two truck dairies.

Resumption of deliveries was ordered this morning by Leon C. Collier, Marion county milk administrator.

Police reported the milk wagons proceeded along their routes without disorder. No requests were made for police protection, they said.

Meantime, union officials of the milk wagon drivers' and dairy employees union called a strike at the Banquet Ice Cream company. Leslie Dobbs, union secretary, said the Capitol Dairies, struck 13 days ago, attempted to deliver five of its routes in Banquet trucks.

Thomas R. Hutson, state labor commissioner, said today no further conferences have been scheduled to end the long-drawn controversy which has been stalemated time and again following conferences between union officials and representatives of the Indianapolis milk council.

"The milk council, which suspended deliveries because of 'threats of violence' arising from walkouts at three dairies, presented a new wage scale which officials of the union rejected.

The union said the proposed scale would mean reduction of pay for the members. The union seeks a minimum wage of \$25 a week for plant employees and \$30 a week for drivers.

Reports 15 Pigs Thought Stolen

Curt Fritzer of near this city reported to county authorities this morning that 15 head of young pigs had either been stolen or had strayed from his farm.

The pigs, weighing about 50 pounds each, have been missing since Sunday. Since a thorough search of the nearby community has failed to develop any trace of the missing pigs, it is thought probable that they were stolen. Sheriff Dallas Brown is investigating.

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Searching Party Finds Passengers And Crew Of Airliner Dead; No Report Of Cause

CRASHED SUNDAY

Salt Lake City, Oct. 19.—(U.P.)—A searching party reached the wreckage of a United Air line transcontinental plane today and found all its 19 occupants dead. The toll actually was 20 because one of the woman passengers, had she lived a few days longer, would have given birth.

Ralph Johnson, United Air lines pilot and member of the first party to reach the wreckage, made a hazardous journey back down the steep slopes of the Unita mountains and reported in Knight, Wyo., that all aboard the plane had been killed.

Eighteen bodies had been thrown through a hole torn behind the pilot's cockpit and were scattered for 100 feet in front of the plane, reported. They were buried in the snow, with only arms and legs protruding.

One body was found in the cockpit.

The intelligence ended the pathetic hope of Dr. Richard M. Boe of San Francisco, whose niece, Mrs. Helen Ferreira, of Cheyenne, Wyo., one of the plane's 16 passengers, had been about to have a baby. Hoping that she still was alive, either unhurt in the crash or gravely injured, he had flown to Salt Lake City to join a searching party, expecting if possible to deliver her child at the scene of the wreck by a Caesarian operation.

Mrs. Ferreira's husband, George, an employee of the United Air lines, owners of the wrecked twin-motored 18-passenger plane, also was a passenger.

The plane struck so hard that eleven seats—all well fastened to the floor of the cabin—were torn loose and followed the occupants out the front of the plane. Practically everything movable in the cabin went out the hole in the nose.

J. W. Myers, a rancher who accompanied the party, said it appeared that most of the snow had fallen since the crash.

"There were no traces of the crash in the snow and the bodies were nearly covered," he said. "It was terrible."

Members of the party said that had the plane been flying only about 300 feet to the right it would have gone through a notch in the ridge and cleared the mountain range.

Snow was so deep in the wild mountain country that Johnson's searching party was unable to proceed even at the rate of one mile an hour. The drifts ranged from three to six feet in depth.

Searchers were able to get within three miles of the scene by automobile, but it was a long, difficult climb from the end of the road to the 10,000 foot level where the wreckage lay.

United airlines officials immediately organized a party of about ten ranchers in Knight to start out with a pack train to bring out the (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

DEATH CLAIMS MARY SCHERRER

Sister Of Decatur Residents Dies At Home Near Poe

Mrs. Mary Scherrer, 80, a sister of three Decatur persons, died yesterday at her home near Poe, Wells county after an illness of several months. The deceased was a gold star mother and an honorary member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Her husband died several years ago. She was a member of the Poe M. E. church. A son, Earl Scherrer, died in France in 1918.

Surviving are four sons: Oscar, Arthur and Okla, all at home; Clyde of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Florence, also at home and two grandchildren.

The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. Sarah Krick, Noah and Henry Mangold, all of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Poe home at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon and at 2 o'clock at the Poe M. E. church. Burial will be made in the Poe cemetery.

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 a 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 in his car.

Near Wynedate, 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 (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

K. C. OBSERVE GERMAN NIGHT

Large Crowd Attends Knights Of Columbus Entertainment

Melodious 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 "Schmitzbank," "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 spareribs, 25 cans of favorite Dutch 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 Lose, member of the committee in charge.