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Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight with probably heavy frost; Friday, generally fair with warmer by night.

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BELIEVE BOLD FLIER VICTIM OF ATLANTIC

Little Hope Held Now for Montana Aviator, Long Overdue.

RADIO SEARCH FUTILE

Cattle Man, If Lost, Is 28th to Die in Attempt to Span Ocean.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A two-day silence over the north Atlantic left little doubt today that the life of Urban F. Diteman Jr., Montana cattleman, had been sacrificed to his dream of transoceanic flying.

Nearly two full days have elapsed since Diteman set out alone from Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, on a non-stop flight to London. His gasoline supply, based on the most generous estimates, certainly must have been exhausted by noon Wednesday.

Only the faintest hope was held that the inexperienced pilot and his tiny, open-cockpit monoplane, the Golden Hind, had survived the perils of trans-Atlantic flying which already has claimed the lives of twenty-seven others, all of whom started the journey with far better odds of experience and safety equipment.

Relatives Hopeful
That faint hope, held by few except a faithful wife-mother, and Diteman's aged parents, was no greater than that held for all of the adventuresome fliers whose names now are listed in the roll of the missing. It was based mainly on the possibility that the Golden Hind, romantically named after the famous galleon of Sir Francis Drake, to whom Diteman claimed kinship, might have been located by a vessel without wireless or landed in some out of the way place where news of its safety could not be flashed to the outside world immediately.

The latter possibility, like many others, was remote because exhaustive inquiries by radio and wireless from the British air admiralty and officials of Le Bourget flying field, Paris, revealed no trace of the flier along the coasts of the British Isles, the English channel or France.

Gas at Greenland
Another hope was raised Wednesday night by news that Diteman two months ago had ordered a supply of gasoline stored at Julian-shaeb, Greenland. Belief that the Golden Hind's pilot might have landed there was refuted mainly by the letter he left behind at Harbour Grace in which he said he was "bound for London" and estimated his fuel supply on the basis of a nonstop flight.

The lights at Croydon airport, London, were kept on all night, but aviation officials there held no hope that the Golden Hind ever would be seen again.

Letter May Explain
ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Oct. 24.—A letter written by Urban F. Diteman Jr. to his wife in Billings, Mont., before he started on a lone flight to London Tuesday, may reveal the true story and purpose behind the cattleman's futile and apparently tragic attempt to span the Atlantic.

The letter was left by the flier with his associate and confidante, Herman Archibald of Harbour Grace with instructions that it be mailed today, two days after his departure.

Rumor Unfounded

ST. JOHNS, Newfoundland, Oct. 24.—A vague rumor that wreckage resembling that of the missing plane Golden Hind had been sighted at sea appeared on investigation today to be entirely without foundation.

HE WAS HER BEST FAN

Flutist When Not Playing Went to Box, Applauded Singer.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 24.—Kansas City music critics today were disposed to regard the flute player who came here as accompanist to Florence Austral, Australian opera star, as a novel sort of clique.

The critics praised the singer's work, but were amazed at the flutist, John Amadio, who, when he was not playing went to a box seat and joined the applause by blowing shrill staccatos on his instrument. Amadio is the singer's husband.

KIDNAPED DETROIT LAD RESCUED; DETECTIVES ARREST FOUR OF GANG



At the left is the rescued Jackie Thompson, 5, son of Henry S. Thompson, wealthy Detroit real estate dealer, in oval, and at the right below is Henry Jr., Jackie's 7-year-old brother.

Capture Comes as Father Makes Last Payment of \$25,000 Ransom Two Women Held.

DETROIT, Oct. 24.—Five-year-old Jackie Thompson was back in his home today while police sought additional members of the gang which kidnaped him on Sept. 30, extorting \$25,000 from his father before the boy was rescued by police Wednesday night.

Two men and two women were being held by police, but detectives refused to divulge details of their investigation for fear the information might thwart their plans to capture others in the alleged abduction gang.

Money Found on Man
The boy's father, Henry S. Thompson, wealthy real estate dealer, paid the last \$5,000 ransom money to two men Wednesday night, according to police. In the pockets of James Fernandez, 39, one of the men arrested, detectives claimed they found the \$5,000. The other man arrested, Emil Souave, 23, has denied any part in the abduction and police believe he was used only as an innocent decoy by the kidnapers.

The two women are held for investigation and police said it was doubtful if charges would be placed against them.

Thompson likewise refused to discuss the case until detectives have completed their investigation. The boy was alone in the Fernandez home when he was found by a police squad. Souave was arrested in another part of the house and Fernandez captured when he returned to the home with the \$5,000 in his pockets.

Called Police

The women were held when they inquired at police headquarters for the two men. Thompson is said to have given two men \$17,000 in cash and four \$2,000 notes Wednesday night. He had been told by telephone to meet the two men at Grand boulevard and Woodward avenue. They told him to drive to the Fernandez home, where the money transfer took place. Twenty minutes later the home was raided. The boy was wearing the same clothes he had on when two men carried him away from in front of his home twenty-four days ago. He apparently was in good health, although Mrs. Thompson at one time was near a nervous breakdown from worry over his frail condition. The boy was taken to a farm for a time, he said, and had not been mistreated, although he had been warned he would be killed if he attempted to escape.

Illinois Legislator Is Dead

PEORIA, Oct. 24.—Representative Robert Scholes, 63, twice speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, is dead here after an illness of three years from heart disease.

DIRECT PLEA FOR SAFE CAR DRIVING MADE

Police Chief Inaugurates Campaign to Reach All Motorists.

MANY AGENCIES TO AID

Warnings Will Be Given at Filling Stations, Homes and Theaters.

CITY TRAFFIC TOLL
Traffic accidents have killed seventy-four and injured 2,028 since Jan. 1. Twelve were injured in the last twenty-four hours.

"Four killed in five days—be careful!" was the slogan adopted today by Police Chief Claude Worley, drafting an intensive campaign to reduce traffic hazards in the city.

Caught napping by downpours Sunday that began a four days' rain of terror, motorists have skidded and crashed until four are dead and scores injured. Heavy night fogs and snow Wednesday added to driving dangers.

Entire County Affected

Deputy sheriffs this morning extended the campaign throughout Marion county, with lectures in several schools and formation of plans for schoolboy patrols similar to those in the city. Officials of the Hoosier Motor Club are to confer with county commissioners to obtain badges and caps for the youthful safety guardians.

"My first appeal for cautious driving had little effect," the chief said. "Something must be done, and I believe a personal warning to every driver is the only solution of the problem."

Standard Oil Company and Shell Gasoline Company filling station attendants today returned change to customers with a warning: "Thank you. Be careful. Four were killed in five days in Indianapolis."

Theaters Give Warning

Downtown and neighborhood theaters donated their screens to flash warnings from the chief to observe all rules of caution.

At 9:30 a. m. Saturday, 100 Boy Scouts will meet at police headquarters and receive cards to be distributed in outlying districts, where many of the serious mishaps have occurred. They will be presented to pedestrians whom the scouts see disobeying safety rules, and will bear warnings against carelessness.

John Tooley, 51, of 708 Terrace avenue, suffered injuries to his hips and legs when struck by a hit-and-run motorist in a safety zone at Illinois and South streets. He is in city hospital.

Others injured in crashes were: John Pointer, 70, 3615 East Walnut street; Harry Asher, Bicksville, and George B. Wells, 76, of 618 North East street.

FIND WRECKAGE OF RAILROAD FERRY IN LAKE MICHIGAN; FEAR CREW OF 52 MEN LOST

Coast Guardsmen Report Discovery of Flotsam; Ship, Missing Since Tuesday, Ran Into Teeth of Fierce Gale.

OTHER STEAMERS ARE IN DISTRESS

Official of Fleet Expresses Belief That Freighter Milwaukee Sunk With All Hands; Portions of Boat Found at Holland.

RACINE, Wis., Oct. 24.—The coast guard station here received a report today from two crews of coast guardsmen that wreckage of the ferry steamship Milwaukee, missing since Tuesday night, had been found.

The wreckage was reported found ten miles east of Wind Point lighthouse, which is one mile north of Racine.

The wreckage found consisted of a cabin, mattresses and several white life boats bearing no marks. The coast guard here commandeered a tug boat and started for the scene to identify, if possible, the bits of flotsam.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—The middle west shivered in sub-freezing weather today while the great lakes still tossed under gales and hid the fate of at least fifty-two men.

Northwest winds forced temperatures to record low levels for late October over prairie and lake states which Wednesday and Tuesday night were swept by sleet, snow and chill, rain-laden winds.

HOOVER SPECIAL IN NEAR WRECK

Negroes Run Car on Track in Damages Plot.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 24.—Two Negroes who drove an automobile on to the tracks in the path of President Hoover's special train at Snyder station, near New Albany, Ind., Wednesday night, were under arrest here today.

The Negroes, Ed Wright, 23, and Charles W. Burlock of Jeffersonville, Ind., were said to have confessed that they intended to wreck the automobile to collect insurance, but that they did not know President Hoover was aboard the train.

The train was delayed eighteen minutes while secret service operatives questioned the two, who later were brought here for arraignment. The charges to be placed against them, if any, have not been determined.

The Negroes also confessed, according to federal officers, that after the car was wrecked they intended to sue the railroad for damages.

The machine, a sedan, was discovered by nearby residents, who pushed it from the tracks. The train was then flagged by a railroad detective who had been summoned. He and a secret service officer arrested Wright and Burlock.

STEEPLEJACKS KILLED

Four Fall 163 Feet From Water Tank While Painting.

WINONA, Minn., Oct. 24.—Four steeplejack painters were killed here today when they fell 163 feet from the top of the city water tank as the steel ladder, on which they were standing, snapped.

The dead: F. L. Taylor, 32, Grinnell, Ia.; Wayne R. Witzel, 24, Wynet, Okla.; Fred Compton, 28, Winnet, Ia.; and Harry Ellis, 27, Laplata, Mo.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 35 10 a. m. 36
7 a. m. 35 11 a. m. 38
8 a. m. 35 12 (noon) 38
9 a. m. 36 1 p. m. 39

Fears Increased

HOLLAND, Mich., Oct. 24.—Fears that the Grand Trunk car ferry Milwaukee with its crew of fifty-two men, had sunk in Lake Michigan were increased this afternoon when the Holland Daily Sentinel learned that a life boat from the ferry had been found drifting near Grand Haven.

The boat left Milwaukee for Grand Haven early Tuesday afternoon shortly before the lake storm endangered navigation and has not been heard from since. Captain Robert McKay commanded the twin screw vessel which carried twenty-six cars. The Milwaukee was 338 feet long with a fifty-one-foot beam.

Captain William Kinkaid and five other coast guardsmen have not been heard from since they left Milwaukee to search for the ferry and apprehension also was felt for their safety. The gravel carrier Andaste was lost near here Sept. 19, with the loss of twenty-seven lives and fears are growing hourly that the Milwaukee met the same fate.

Suicide Borrowed Weapon

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Oct. 24.—A note tied to a revolver with which Sherman Walters, 63, killed himself, directed that the weapon be returned to Martin McCoskey, from whom he had borrowed it. Worry over financial matters is believed to have caused the suicide.

BLOODHOUNDS HUNT NEGRO MURDERER

Yo Yo Winners

Winners in the semi-finals of the city-wide Yo Yo contest sponsored by The Times were selected Wednesday night in the contests held at the Rex, Rivoli, Irving, Belmont and Ritz theaters.

The first district semi-finals, the only one remaining, will be held Saturday afternoon at the Ritz theater.

The five district winners of the elimination are:

District No. 2, Joseph Johnson, Negro, 905 Fayette street; District No. 3, Richard Dinger, 145 North Vine street; District No. 4, Frank Hechinger, 42 Kansas street; District No. 5, George Rennie, 1616 Williams street; District No. 6, Owen Davidson, 1725 Ingram street.

The district winners will compete in the final contest Saturday night. The prize list includes money, watches and special Yo Yos.

THREE DIE IN WRECK

Passenger Train on L. & N. Hits Lumber Truck.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 24.—Three men were killed and several passengers injured when L. & N. passenger train No. 76 ploughed through a lumber truck near Walton, Ky. today and was wrecked.

The truck was reduced to splinters and the impact of the crash sent the engine, four mail coaches and the baggage car of the train careening from the rails and into a field.

Those killed were John English of Walton, driver of the truck, and Tom Burns, 35, and Harry Frazier, 45, engineer and fireman, respectively, of the train.

JURY DELIBERATES FATE OF FALL IN BRIBE CASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Justice William Hitz gave to the jury today the bribery case against former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, after charging the jurors not to allow their sympathies to sway their verdict.

The 68-year-old defendant, accompanied by his friend, E. L. Doherty, whose \$100,000 is charged to have bribed Fall to give valuable oil leases in 1922, has been ill throughout the trial. The trial started Oct. 7, in District of Columbia supreme court.

Justice Hitz recalled the jurors

Girl Is Attacked, Escort Killed in Roadside Tragedy.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Oct. 24.—A heavily armed posse, augmented by blood hounds, set out today in pursuit of a Negro who shot and killed George Spurlock, 45, an oil driller and assaulted and wounded Miss Ada Price on a road near here last night.

Miss Price, near death in a hospital here today, told officers she and Spurlock were sitting in the latter's parked car when the Negro leaped on the running board and leveled a gun at them, ordered them from the machine.

Spurlock resisted and was shot in the head. The Negro then attacked Miss Price and shot her in the neck.

The two were found later by Robert Hardy, 19, and his sister, Mary of Bowling Green. Young Hardy called police and the posse was organized quickly.

SLAP DRY AMENDMENT

Legality of Prohibition Statute Assailed by Two.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A claim that the eighteenth amendment is not a part of the United States Constitution and violates other sections of that document was made in a letter to George W. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's law enforcement committee, from John S. Wise Jr. and Charles Hall Davis of Petersburg, Va.

In the automobile of King Albert of Belgium Prince Humbert had driven through crowded and cheering lanes to the cenotaph to place a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. The automobile had come to a stop beside the edifice. The band struck up the Italian national anthem.

Prince Humbert started to descend from the automobile. Police, gendarmes and troops stood at attention. Few saw the youthful assailant slip through the wooden barriers surrounding the Unknown Soldier's tomb.

At a distance of about ten yards the youth drew a revolver and fired at the prince. The bullet missed its mark, presumably because of the haste of the youth in firing.

Police rushed to surround Prince Humbert and the royal car, but before they could seize the youth, King Albert's chauffeur had leaped

from behind the wheel and struck him to the ground. Angry citizens pounced on him and were administering a severe beating before police restored order.

The assailant was picked up bodily by police and carried to a nearby police station. He was bleeding and bruised. His name, he said was Fernando De Rosa. He was 21 years old, a student from Milan, Italy, and said he came to Brussels from Paris on the night train, arriving in the Belgian capital in time to join the celebration over the announcement of the engagement.

He told readily of his journey from Paris and his plans. He declared he wanted to kill Prince Humbert because he (De Rosa) was anti-fascist and believed in the principles of the second international.

He was taken to the city hospital.

John Cahill, 55, of 1543 Fletcher avenue, Shortridge high school custodian, was injured critically today when he fell through a skylight at the school while working on the building roof. Cahill fell fifteen feet, suffering probable skull fracture and severe face and head cuts. He was taken to the city hospital.

Three hundred fifty feet of a new \$80,000 Sheridan beach sewer has washed out.

At the Bartlett resort, west of here, long gaps have been washed in the concrete pavement. Boulevard lamps are strewn along the beach, and two summer homes have been reduced to debris.

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ONE BURNS TO DEATH AS FIRE HITS MOVIE STUDIO

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 24.—Fire swept the Consolidated Film laboratories here today, causing the death of at least one person, injuring six others and resulting in damage estimated at more than \$6,000.

Al Lund, employed at the laboratories, died of burns a few minutes after he was pulled from the flaming building. Police and firemen said they believed others perished, but that an accurate check could not be made for several hours.

The injured, two of them women, were treated at the Hollywood Emergency hospital. One man was

said to have been burned critically. The immense loss was attributed to the destruction of irreplaceable negatives upon which major film companies had lavished hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Among the films believed to have been partially destroyed were "The Taming of the Shrew," the first picture co-starring Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford; "Rio Rita," featuring Bebe Daniels, and "Hell's Angels," air war picture.

Destruction of the building and its equipment caused estimated loss of over \$200,000. Two explosions were said to have preceded the flames.

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