

KIDNAP RACKET IS GOLD MINE FOR GANGSTERS

Huge Profits Are Made With Little Risk by Czars of Organized Crime.

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Little groups of half a dozen or more took to preying on the shadowy and wealthy big shots of gangland.

A big-time gambler would be taken captive and held until he could get his family or his associates to cough up anywhere from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

A head of a vice syndicate would be the victim in one city; in another, a race track luminary; in another, a liquor distributor.

From city to city the racket spread. It worked like a charm. Almost without exception the kidnapers collected with a minimum of trouble. In most cases the police never even found out what was happening.

Then began the development which ought to relieve the ordinary citizen forever of his comfortable belief that gang wars don't really matter because the gangsters only shoot one another.

EMBOLDENED by their success, the kidnaping rings started to reach out for law-abiding citizens—men of money and position and of absolute integrity.

In New York last summer Charles M. Rosenthal, wealthy broker, was kidnaped and held prisoner for eighteen days until \$50,000 had been paid for his release.

As it happened, the police got the four men who had seized him, and all four now are in Sing Sing prison serving sixty-year sentences.

Max Price, a rich real estate man in New Haven, Conn., was kidnaped last spring and held until \$25,000 ransom had been paid. His captors could not be found.

In the west even more cases of this kind are on record.

Mrs. Nell Donnelly, wealthy Kansas City woman, was kidnaped a few months ago and held for \$50,000 ransom. She later was returned to her home, and it has not been made public whether the money was paid.

Dr. Isaac D. Kelly of St. Louis was kidnaped last year and held for \$150,000 ransom. He, too, was released after an undisclosed sum had been paid.

Michael H. Katz, wealthy Kansas City business man, was another of the kidnapers' victims a year ago. His freedom cost him \$100,000.

THOSE are just a few citations from the record of the last year or two. They could be duplicated and re-duplicated.

From New York to Denver, well-to-do people of the highest standing have been seized by gang kidnapers in this newest and most dangerous of all the underworld's activities.

There are today highly organized kidnaping gangs in at least half a dozen large American cities. These gangs have working agreements with one another.

A man kidnaped in Detroit, for example, can be sent to St. Louis and kept in custody by gangsters there; a New York gang can have men come on from Chicago to pull a job on Long Island.

In Chicago, during the last two years, it is believed that at least 400 kidnapings have taken place. Some 300 have taken place in and around New York.

In the country as a whole, it is believed that fully 2,000 kidnapings have been committed by organized gangs since the beginning of 1930.

New York, oddly enough, has not been as effectively organized by the kidnapers as many middle-western cities have been. The racket there is still largely in the hands of small fry, the police say; one of its most profitable subdivisions, for example, is said to be a crew that specializes in kidnaping the children of east-side Italians and extracting payment from the parents on the installment plan.

BUT the New York gangsters are learning. Shortly before he was machine-gunned, the notorious Vincent Coll was reported to have tried to kidnap one of the lieutenants of Owney Madden, generally credited with being head of New York's big east-side liquor ring. It is rumored that it was this exploit which led to Coll's murder.

Coll also is believed to have been responsible for the kidnaping of "Big French" De Mangle, one of Dutch Schultz's beer-running mob. De Mangle's release cost his gang \$35,000.

Legs Diamond, a small-time racketeer who got big-time publicity before he was shot down, also is said to have taken part in kidnaping ventures now and then.

It is because the modern kidnaping racket stems directly out of the whole highly organized underworld framework that public officials everywhere are growing so alarmed over it.

In Washington, bills have been introduced by Senator Patterson and Congressman Cochran of Missouri, to make interstate kidnaping a federal offense punishable by death or life imprisonment.

CONGRESSMAN HATTON W. SUMMERS of Texas, chairman of the house judiciary committee which is considering the Cochran bill, makes the following point in connection with kidnaping cases:

"Passage of any federal law should not divert public attention from the fact that if communities are going to let gangsters and criminals live in their midst those criminals are going to commit crimes in order to live."

Congressman Summers believes the death penalty should be provided for kidnaping. Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the senate judiciary committee which is considering the Patterson bill, is not so sure.

"It is probable," he says, "that certainty of the death penalty would cause some kidnapers to kill their victims in order to destroy the witness."

But criminals must be adequately punished as a protection to society, and some crimes are so inhuman that proper punishment is hard to conceive.

Next—How the kidnap ring works in Detroit and Chicago.

Lindy Jr. Poses Before Father's New Movie Camera



Looks like his father, doesn't he? Baby Lindy in his crib.



A merrily smiling Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.



Here Charles Jr., has his father's own calm demeanor.



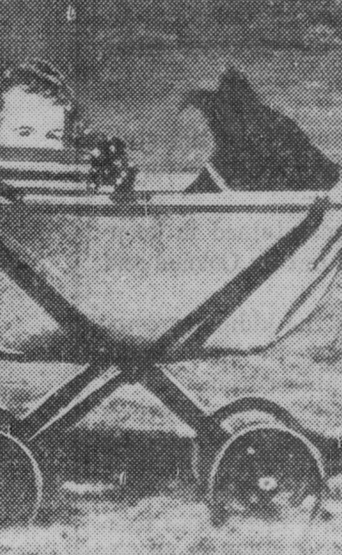
An excellent profile view.

Here is 20-months-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. in the role of "film actor"—in the pictures taken recently with a home movie camera by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. They give an excellent impression of the child as he appears viewed from different angles.



First to discover that Master Charles A. Lindbergh Jr. was missing when she went to visit the nursery during the night, Betty Gow, nurse in the Lindbergh home, is shown above pushing Baby Lindbergh in his carriage.

She was at first a key figure in the kidnap investigation. Later police officials announced that she had been exonerated from any connection with the case. However, she still faces quizzing. Nurse Gow has been heartbroken since the disappearance.



—Universal Newsreel photo from Acme.



KIDNAPING SCENE IN MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS—The comparative isolation of the Hopewell, N. J. estate of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh—scene of the kidnaping of his infant son—is comprehended by a study of this aerial picture, taken from a high altitude. Scrub cedars and second growth timber dot the rough, rocky wastelands that surround the Lindberghs' white-painted Normandy house on Sourland mountain. A winding muddy lane leads to the mansion, and there is no other homestead within a half mile.



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GRILL SWEETHEART OF LINDY'S NURSE

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kidnaping case because of her close association with the child.

Her name, similar to that of a petty racketeer reported in other points, and her nationality which brought Scotland Yard into the case, have attracted world-wide attention to her.

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HOOVER SEEKS EASIER LOANS FOR BUSINESS

President's Next Move Will Be to Allay Fears of Timorous Bankers.

BY LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

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WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Hoover is going after the bankers next.

The bulk of emergency legislation has been enacted. Treasury plans for "baby bonds" to entice hoarded money from hiding are ready for announcement.

Mr. Hoover believes the government's next big job is to soothe the nerves of frightened bankers.

He accepts without reservation the public charge of Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.) that the bankers are the worst hoarders of all.

That accusation is predicated on the fact that while many banks were failing in the last two years, the majority of them have been liquid in the fullest sense of the word.

They have called loans and refused to make new ones in order to accumulate cash reserves against the possibility of runs.

Merchants Complaining

White House secretaries are deluged with letters from merchants throughout the United States complaining that bankers are refusing to extend credit regardless of how good the collateral may be. Many of those letters have reached Mr. Hoover's desk.

While House opinion is that the bankers are panic stricken and must be reassured.

The administration is not expecting to wait vast numbers of persons will soon be offered "baby bonds" by the government.

They merely are the basis upon which Colonel Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, will conduct for Mr. Hoover an anti-hoarding campaign.

The interest rate was placed at 2 per cent with the deliberate purpose of making a savings account in a bank more attractive than the bonds.

Hoarding Seen Dwindling

The bonds are to afford shelter only for the most timorous, who fail to regain confidence through enactment of the Glass-Steagall bill to expand federal reserve currency and credit, and the \$2,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation project.

Mr. Hoover believes the people already are reacting favorably to these measures, that they are returning their money to the banks. His purpose now is to persuade bankers that their fears are without foundation and that they should release the accumulating cash reserves into the loan channels which create trade.

Two emergency measures await congressional action. One would create a permanent organization for relief of depositors of closed banks. The other would create a system of home loan discount. The former has an excellent chance to be enacted.

Thirty years ago the population of Manchuria was only 4,000,000. Today it is more than 27,000,000.

FIRE LOSS IS \$5,000

Poolroom at 46 South Illinois Street Destroyed.

Fire of undetermined origin early today destroyed the poolroom of Chris Polyston, 46 South Illinois street, with a loss estimated at \$5,000. Firemen escaped injury when a large show case fell on them during the fire.

Much headway had been gained by the fire before discovery, and flames were shooting from the building when firemen arrived.

BABY SWALLOWS PIN

Rests Easy at Hospital After Successful Operation.

Jo Ann Keller, 6 months, is resting easy at St. Vincent's hospital today, following a successful operation for removal of an open safety pin which she swallowed Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Keller, 5103 Winthrop avenue.

VETERAN ACTOR DIES

Louis John Bartels, Stage, Schreen Star, Is Heart Victim.

HOLLYWOOD, March 5.—A heart ailment was given today as cause of the death of Louis John Bartels, 36, stage and screen actor. Bartels appeared in "Seventeen" and "The Show-Off," on the New York stage, and in numerous films.

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ABDUCTED OHIO BOY FEARED MURDERED

Police Are Unable to Find Clew; Father Denies Deal Made.

By United Press

NILES, O., March 5.—Parental hope held out stoutly today against increasing fears of authorities that Jimmy DeJute Jr., 12-year-old schoolboy who was kidnaped Wednesday by two men, had been killed by his abductors.

As the third day of search started without having exposed any known word from the boy's captors, police became more alarmed by fears he has been put to death. Whisperings of a "black hand" plot rumbled in the investigation.

In contrast to this feeling of alarm was the attitude of the boy's father and other members of his family who consistently have expressed the conviction Jimmy would be returned home safely. Even his mother, who at first was stricken by despair that she would never see her boy alive, has become more hopeful.

Denies Deal Made

This optimism has led freely to the opinion the father has been negotiating with the kidnapers and has lessened the intensity of the search. But he firmly has denied any dealings while refusing to discuss fully his plans and hopes.

Neighbors Friday night reported DeJute, a wealthy contractor, had told them he expected word from the abductors during the night, but insofar as could be learned, he received none.

Authorities planned to intensify the search today, aided by federal and state authorities.

Department of justice operatives were ordered by Edgar Hoover, head of the bureau of investigation, to extend "full resources of the department" to police in tracking down the criminals.

At Columbus, Governor George White offered the aid of state agencies, and in a statement, urged adjoining states, principally Pennsylvania and West Virginia, to cooperate.

Fled to Pennsylvania

Convinced that the kidnapers fled with the boy to Pennsylvania, Police Chief Nicholas planned to push the hunt in that direction. Pennsylvania state police were seeking information of a suspect, residing near Mercer, who was described through photographs by eyewitnesses as strongly resembling one of the abductors.

Sergeant E. C. Bergas of Mercer reported to Chief Nicholas that the suspect is notorious in that section. He formerly resided here.

The sorrow of Mrs. DeJute, Jimmy's mother, was epitomized in a telegram she dispatched Friday to Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh. The message said:

"My son, Jimmy, was kidnaped a few hours after your child. I am suffering the same heartaches that you are and am praying that God may send them both back to us. I feel in my heart that when your child is returned, mine will also be returned."

RETURN SUICIDE FOR RITES HERE

Slayer of Wife, Son Was Former City Resident.

Funeral services were to be held this afternoon for Edward W. Garner, 44, who committed suicide by shooting Thursday night after slaying his second wife and her son, Russell McKinney, 16, at the family home in Oblong, Ill.

Home of Ira Garner, 322 Harris avenue, a brother, was to be the scene of the last rites. Burial was to be in the West Newton cemetery. Another brother, Everett L. Garner, lives at 315 Hancock avenue.

Relatives say Garner became mentally deranged after Mrs. Garner filed suit for divorce. After shooting his son and wife, Garner then went to a coal shed and killed himself.

Garner, a carpenter, was a resident of Indianapolis for twenty years, moving three years ago to Oblong, where he operated a restaurant and filling station. He owned a residence here at 109 Hancock avenue. He was a member of Evergreen Masonic lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose.

OSTEOPATHISTS MEET

Map Plans for Eastern Indiana Farley at Anderson.

Plans for attending the Eastern Indiana Osteopathic Association convention at Anderson in April, were made Friday night at a meeting of the Indianapolis association in the Washington.

Plans for the state meeting here in October also were discussed. Presiding was Dr. V. B. Wolfe, president.

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Baby Lindy studies the camera-man.

OFFICE OPENED FOR FILING IN MAY PRIMARY

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With sixty-two candidates already officially entered in the May primary for Marion county offices, election commissioners opened their filing office early today to receive further declarations.

Majority of the sixty-two, filed the first day, were for precinct committee positions.

Others who have filed for major offices are:

Clyde Karrer, 1409 Martindale avenue, Democratic representative, W. B. Sullivan, 2450 North Illinois street, Second district, Democratic; Patrick McGarry, 222 North Spring street, Democrat, Sixth and Seventh wards, sheriff; Jesse A. Hebert, 1629 North Meidian street, Democrat, East McCarty street, Thirteenth ward, Republican, commissioner, Second district.

Timothy Sexton, Democrat, candidate for re-election as treasurer; Louis Wolcott, Democrat, of R. R. 3, sheriff; William E. Clauer, Democrat, of 3212 North Capitol avenue, treasurer; Bruce Short, Democrat, re-election as supervisor; and John F. McGregor, Republican, of 166 Broadway, commissioner.

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