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KIDNAP GANG FREES WABASH COLLEGE MAN

Bares Details of Ordeal
After His Release in
Chicago.

ABDUCTED ON SUNDAY

Student Was Brought Here,
He Says: \$50,000 Ransom
Goes Unpaid.

Picked "man-hunters" from the Indianapolis and Chicago offices of the Department of Justice swung into action today in the Indiana kidnapping of Allen C. Bomberger, 21-year-old Wabash College student, seized Sunday on a Crawfordsville street and released in Chicago before his abductors obtained the \$50,000 ransom demanded.

The kidnapped student reported to Chicago police this morning that he was taken to Indianapolis.

In spite of his blindness, he said, he sensed from sounds that he heard that he was in a large city and Indianapolis is the only city of considerable size that the kidnappers could reach from Crawfordsville in a short time.

Abductor Known as Ed.

One of the abductors was known as Ed and it was this man who maintained custody of young Bomberger from 9 p.m. Sunday when he was kidnapped until 2:30 a.m. today when he was released. It was Ed, he said, who dictated what he was to write to his father, Lower Bomberger, prominent Hammond (Ind.) attorney.

The father of young Bomberger said no money had been paid "because we didn't have it."

The abductors seized him as he was taking a walk, young Bomberger said. He was blindfolded and carried away in an automobile.

H. H. Retnecke, in charge of the Indianapolis office of the Department of Justice, who gained national prominence by his arrest of Verne Sankey, rushed to Crawfordsville to take charge of the investigation. In Chicago, Melvin H. Purvis, nemesis of John Dillinger and other leading "public enemies," threw the full force of the Federal investigators there into the field.

Meanwhile, the technique of kidnapping investigations, developed by the Department of Justice since the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, was applied and members of the kidnapped youth's family refused to disclose details of the ransom letter which they admitted had been received Monday.

The center of the search for the abductors—two men and a woman—appeared to be in Crawfordsville.

Released in Chicago

When he was taken to Chicago he was held for a time in a room that he believed was near the downtown district although he was kept blindfolded and gagged while he was led to the place. When he finally was released he found himself in the Chicago Loop at Dearborn and Quincy-sts, near the old Federal Building.

He walked to the Great Northern Hotel where he placed a call to his father after telling the hotel manager he had been kidnapped. At the Bomberger home in Hammond was (Turn to Page Three)

SENATE GROUP FAVORS JOINING WORLD COURT

Foreign Relations Committee Votes
for U. S. Adherence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the project for American adherence to the World Court, but added a strict provision that the court should not act on any dispute in which the United States "has or claims an interest."

The committee voted 14 to 7 in favor of a resolution of adherence.

Majority Leader Joseph T. Robinson said he would bring the matter to the Senate floor as soon as possible, but he would not prophesy the outcome of the court fight.

300 KIWANIANS MEET FOR WINTER SESSION

International Trustee Makes Principal Address at Luncheon.

More than 300 Kiwanians, 185 of them out of town, gathered at the Columbia Club today for the annual mid-winter conference of the Indiana Kiwanis Club. Following the luncheon, with Ernest Gorton, Chicago, International trustee, as the principal speaker, members convened for a business session.

Frank V. Hawkins, Indianapolis, club president, was to preside at the meeting, at which members expected to adopt a resolution regarding motor traffic regulation.

YOUTH, 17, CONFESSES ROBBING 24 HOMES

Gets 1 to 10 Years in Reformatory
After Guilty Plea.

Seventeen-year-old Lawrence Carroll pleaded guilty today to burglary of approximately 24 Indianapolis residences and was sentenced to 1 to 10 years in the Indiana State Reformatory by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker. Carroll, who had a previous record, lives at 1126 E. Southern-st. Albert Hopwood, 20, of 3015 S. Harding-st., was convicted of the same charge and also sentenced to 1 to 10 years.

Slayer of 7 Ends Life as Posse Nears

Reputed Pal of Dillinger
Turns Gun on Self to
Avoid Capture.

By United Press

DANVILLE, Ky., Jan. 9.—George Collett, 40, fugitive and reputed one-time associate of John Dillinger, today killed seven persons with pistol bullets, then took his own life.

The massacre rivaled all others in the history of Rockcastle-Lincoln County feuds.

The dead: William Helton, 65, farmer, father of County Patrolman Modam Helton, Cincinnati.

Mrs. William Helton, 50. Howard Helton, 30, their son. Harry Helton, their son.

Mrs. Stella Collett, 25, daughter of the Heltons and wife of the slayer.

Julius Bordes, 50, a Kentucky state patrolman. Mrs. Julius Bordes, 45.

FOG BLANKET COVERS U. S.

All Planes Grounded and
Traffic All Over Nation
Is Slowed.

A dense fog settled like a malevolent ghost over the country today, grounding all except Far-Western Planes, locking all ships from New York and other Eastern harbors, and slowing commercial truck and rail traffic for losses extending into millions of dollars.

Federal meteorologists from widely separated stations could not agree in detail as to when the fog will lift, but none predicted safe airways today.

John H. Armstrong, meteorologist here, said the fog may shift from depression to depression all over the country during the day, but stated that so long as the weather remains as unsettled as it is, the humidity will feed the fog and conditions will remain in general the same.

Cars Pass Passengers

Although the temperature here was 52 this morning at 8, which is about 25 degrees above normal, it failed to fall tonight, but even so will remain somewhat above freezing.

Indianapolis streets were screened by the fog and motor traffic proceeded with great care.

Street cars in the early morning hours passed waiting potential passengers by because the operators could not even see their outlines in the fog. Intercity and interstate trucks were far behind schedules and many of them, having cut their customary 45-mile-an-hour average to a snail's pace, were forced to stay over, so exhausted had their drivers become.

No airplanes left from any Indianapolis port, and air lines could not promise travelers when they could take off. Among those grounded here and unable to leave were a party of five National Guard planes, headed by Maj. Gen. Robert Tyndall, bound for the air races in Miami, Fla.

Ferry Boats Halted

Outside New York harbor passenger ships from many parts of the world lay at anchor, honking like wild geese, unable to venture into the harbor and deposit their passengers. Veteran pilots said it was the worst fog to their memories and refused flat to assume any responsibility for navigation in it.

Even ferry boats were not running, except two which set out last night into East River and lost their way. They were found eventually on mud banks, undamaged and their passengers safe.

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COPS PALS OF RACKET MEN, CHIEF CLAIMS

Warns Police to Cease
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John Dillinger Almost Died
on Operating Table,
U. S. Reveals.

By Sidney B. Whipple

United Press Staff Correspondent

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That he was the man with whom he first talked, for an hour, under the rustling trees of Woodlawn Cemetery, urging him in fatherly fashion to give up his mad exploit and return the child.

That he was the man who, adamantly in his insistence upon receiving \$50,000 before he returned the child, actually received the ransom money in St. Raymond's Cemetery and disappeared in the darkness.

That he admitted his presence in the nursery at Hopewell on the night of the kidnapping, by identifying two safety pins which Nurse Betty Gow had used to pin the blankets comfortably around Baby Lindbergh.

In these three statements the 74-year-old patriarch was vigorous, confident, sure. He shouted the answers that may condemn the prisoner. There were no qualifications in his statements, although in previous testimony he had shown an inclination to ramble, until called back to the main story by Atty. Gen. David T. Wileman.

Relates Dramatic Story

Planted firmly on the witness stand—and looking so remarkably like Justice Thomas W. Trenchard above him that he might have been a brother—"Jafsie" related the melodramatic story of his negotiations, and marched, figuratively, over the long trail that ended with Col. Lindbergh's cruel disappointment.

By far the most important state's witness, "Jafsie" appreciated his position and the overwhelming interest his appearance on the stand created.

It would be going too far to say, perhaps, that he enjoyed his own recital. But at least he knew he was the vital link in the state's circumstantial case against the pale-faced carpenter.

Identification of the long series of ransom notes, each pricked with the mystic symbol with the three holes, interrupted his discursive testimony at intervals.

Notes Are Introduced

There was the envelope containing two notes, the first he received from the kidnaper after he had advertised his willingness to serve as a negotiator. One note, addressed to him, advised him to take the other note to Col. Lindbergh.

There were the "paper chase" notes, used in the child-like game of the extortioner, found beneath stones and in strange places to which "Jafsie" was directed.

There were the notes complaining bitterly that "outr" man did not get too much ether but had swallowed his tongue. A pair of forceps were used to get his tongue out of his throat and the doctors worked over him frantically for several minutes before they were sure that he would not die.

FAVORS EXTENSION OF
TAX DELINQUENCY LAW

Governor's Commission to Recom-mend Action to Legislature.

Extension for two more years of the Indiana moratorium on sales of lands for delinquent taxes, and of a companion statute providing for the financing of delinquencies, will be recommended to the 1935 General Assembly by the Governor's Commission on Taxation.

The decision was reached this morning at the sixth, and what may be the final, meeting of the commission, after a sub-committed report, suggesting that there be no recommendation on the moratorium had been rejected. Debate on the gross income tax was expected this afternoon.

Experts to Take Stand

Finally, there were the notes making the final arrangements for payment of the money.

The state will attempt to prove, by handwriting experts, that Bruno Richard Hauptmann wrote and sent all of the damning communications.

During the morning, the crowd outside the Courthouse, standing in mist, fog and an occasional drizzle, was augmented by hundreds.

Main-st, opposite the Courthouse, was four deep with would-be spectators hoping for a glimpse of "Jafsie" of Lindbergh, or of any other notable who might emerge.

Ropes held the crowds in check. Main-st looked like circus day—just before the parade passes.

Meeting Is Described

Relating his meeting with the men who took the money, Dr. Condon's story went like this:

Q—You went into the triangle front of the cemetery gates? A—Yes.

Q—What did you do? A—I took the letter out and read it again.

Q—Did any one come? A—Not right away.

Q—Then what happened? A—I saw a handkerchief being waved from inside the gate.

Q—What happened when you saw the handkerchief wave? A—I

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Fog.....

The fog comes
On little cat feet.

It sits looking
Over harbor and city
On silent hunches
And then moves on.

CARL SANDBURG

HAUPTMANN KIDNAPER OF BABY, DR. CONDON CRIES

Scores Three Damaging Points as He Takes
Spotlight of Lindbergh Trial and
Spectacular Session of Court.

BRUNO STARES STOLIDLY AT 'JAJSIE'

German Carpenter Proved He Had Been in
Nursery by Identifying Pins, Bronx
Educator Tells Jury.

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The operation was performed in the home of James Probasco on the night of May 28," Mr. Wileman said. "Two doctors, Dr. Wilhem Loeser and Dr. Harold Bernard Cassidy, performed the operation. Dillingham stripped and lay down on the bed in the rear room of that small, weather-beaten house on Crawford-st.

Dr. Cassidy was pouring ether on a mask over his nose. Suddenly Dillingham turned blue, there was a rattle in his throat and he stopped breathing.

"Dr. Cassidy yelled out to Dr. Losser, 'This man's dying,'" Dr. Losser said.

"It appears that Dillingham had not only gotten too