

U. S. TO ASK DEATH PENALTY FOR STOLL KIDNAP SUSPECT; INSANITY PLEA HELD LIKELY

Robinson Nabbed in West, Rushed to Louisville by Plane.

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Simons. After his experience in the drug store, he had grown a mustache, apparently to prevent any one suspecting him of being the female impersonator.

Berry Stoll is 'Glad'

A half hour after his capture, J. Edgar Hoover, G-men chief, called reported to his Washington office and announced that the last of the "public rats" had been taken.

Berry Stoll was told of the capture of the kidnaper of his wife by the United Press.

"That's fine," he said, "that's great. I'm certainly glad to hear it."

Mrs. Stoll would not comment.

In Nashville Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson Sr. expressed thanks for their son's safety when informed that he was captured.

"Our boy, our son—he's living, he's safe," the father said. "It's a relief to know he's alive. It ends a long period of anxiety for us. I don't know what steps will be taken but I will try to provide counsel for him merely to see that his legal rights are protected."

Wife Is 'In Country'

The elder Robinson said that Mrs. Frances Robinson, his son's wife, who with her father-in-law was acquitted of complicity in the crime, is out in "the country" with her mother and her boy.

Mrs. Robinson Jr. had been forced to stay in her husband's Indianapolis home with his victim, and accompanied Mrs. Stoll to Louisville after her release.

Robinson and Mrs. Robinson were tried in Louisville Federal Court for complicity in the kidnapping and were acquitted on Oct. 13, 1935. The jury decided that had been unwillingly and innocently involved in the crime.

Young Robinson had been in several minor scrapes with police in his home town, Nashville, and had been sent to an asylum for the insane for observation. He had been appraised as possessing a brilliant but twisted mind.

Slugged His Victim

Leaving Nashville, he worked for a while in one of the filling stations here owned by the Stoll Oil Co., of which Berry Stoll is an executive. In October, 1934, a man in a workman's garb presented himself at the Stoll home in an exclusive Louisville section, saying he had been sent to inspect the telephone.

He went upstairs where Mrs. Stoll was confined to her room with a cold. Informed she was about to be kidnapped, Mrs. Stoll resisted and was slugged. In nightdress and negligee, the kidnaper bound her hands, threw a coat over her shoulders and half pushed, half carried her to his waiting car.

The house maid telephoned Stoll. He found a neatly typewritten ransom note on his wife's bed. The kidnaper had first intended to kidnap C. C. Stoll, Berry Stoll's father, because his name was used throughout the note as that of the victim. The kidnaper had first intended to ask \$20,000. That figure had been scratched out and \$50,000 substituted.

Father Named Intermediary

Soon after Mrs. Stoll was carried off, her husband received a communication telling him that Thomas H. Robinson Sr. of Nashville was the kidnaper's intermediary. Robinson Sr. refused to serve, but finally was induced by the frantic Stolls to do so. The kidnaper then instructed the Stolls to send the \$50,000 ransom to the elder Robinson by express.

Later Mrs. Robinson took the ransom from Nashville to Indianapolis, where Robinson was hiding his victim in an apartment.

Though free to leave, Mrs. Robinson stayed with the victim even after Robinson fled with the ransom, and accompanied Mrs. Stoll back to Louisville in an automobile. G-men intercepted the car and arrested her, though Mrs. Stoll insisted that Mrs. Robinson had befriended her and had nothing to do with the kidnapping.

She and her father-in-law were indicted for complicity with the Lindbergh law. After an extradition fight and many postponements, they were brought to trial in the fall of 1935 and acquitted.

WOMAN FOUND IN ROBINSON HIDEOUT

Pretty Companion Released by Federal Agents.

By United Press

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Agents said their information indicated she played no part in the abduction and had joined Robinson later, coming here from the East.

Investigators declined to specify the address of the hideout but said the bungalow is situated in "the heart of Glendale" within 10 miles of downtown Los Angeles.

Mrs. Martha Van Noy Dies

Mrs. Martha Van Noy, 85, of 3505 E. 25th-st., died last night in City Hospital where she had been confined since Feb. 14 with a broken right leg.

Local Building Was Hideout Site in Mystery Case.

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parallel windows of other apartments.

Heavy pedestrian traffic passed back and forth because of a delicatessen and tavern in the basement of the apartment building.

Robinson received deliveries, police believed, from several nearby business establishments without arousing suspicion. Mrs. Stoll said after her release that she was afraid to give an alarm because of Robinson's threats.

Describing the kidnapping, she said he struck her on the head with a length of pipe, and carried her from a sick bed in her exclusive home on Lime Kiln-ld, near Louisville, Oct. 14, 1934. She was then driven immediately to the Indianapolis hideout.

Mrs. Stoll was released by Robinson on Oct. 16, 1934, after he was alleged to have received the \$50,000 ransom brought from Nashville, Tenn., by his wife. Before he left the apartment, he bound Mrs. Stoll and locked her in a clothes closet.

Throwing \$500 on the table for the two women, he calmly walked out of the building with the remaining \$49,500.

Following delivery of the ransom in Indianapolis, Mrs. Stoll, accompanied by Robinson's wife, walked to the home of Mrs. E. Arnold Clegg, 2556 N. Capitol-av. Mr. Stoll's cousin.

The two women persuaded Mrs. Clegg and her husband, the Rev. E. Arnold Clegg, pastor of the Capitol Avenue M. E. Church, to motor them to Louisville. Federal agents intercepted their car at Scottsburg. Federal agents released the Cleggs.

Mrs. Robinson and Robinson's father, Thomas H. Robinson Sr., later went to trial in connection with the case, but were acquitted Oct. 13, 1935.

When Mrs. Stoll was in the Clegg home she refused to divulge anything about her kidnapping. Later she said Mrs. Robinson had been promised immunity from prosecution. Following the trial Mr. and Mrs. Stoll said, "We don't think justice was done."

7 RIVERS SUSPECTS' HEARINGS CONTINUED

Cases Are to Be Resumed Next Tuesday.

Cases of seven persons allegedly connected with the Brady gang, alleged to have murdered Sergt. Richard Rivers here, were continued until next Tuesday in Municipal Court today.

Vagrancy charges against Charles Northern, Urban Pope and William Roll were dismissed on a motion by the state.

Cases continued are those of Alfred Brady, alias Barton, charged with murder; Mrs. Margaret Rawson, his sweetheart; Chester Hart, local mechanic, and Teddy Deen. The latter three were charged with receiving stolen goods.

George Whitley, 38, of 4724 W. Washington-st., suspected of being a gang member, is to be reclassified today of a charge of accessory to the murder of Sergt. Rivers. Lieut. Roy Pope, homicide squad head, announced.

FIGHT COMMUNISM, POPE URGES WORLD

Red Beliefs Are Spreading, He Tells Publishers.

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TROOP 16 WINS GIRL SC OUT COOKIE SALE PRIZE



CLUB WOMEN OPEN ANNUAL STATE PARLEY

Advancing Intelligent Public Opinion Is Keynote of Session Here.

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superintendent, on "Indiana's Program for Rural Education"; Miss Catherine Bailey, "The Library's Part in Education for Living," and Dean Matthews on "Fads and Frights."

Today's political scene is to be reviewed by two women speaking on "Trends in the Two Great Parties. As Seen Through Women's Eyes" during a forum at 10:50 Thursday morning.

Miss Izetta J. Miller, regional director of the PWA women's division, is to represent the Democratic Party, and Mrs. J. W. Macauley, Menominee, Wis., the Republican.

Indiana's part in social planning is to be discussed by Mrs. John W. Thorntburgh, legislative department chairman, in a talk on "Indiana Plans for Social Security," at 11:45 Thursday morning.

This afternoon, the conservation department of the Seventh District is to plant a grove of redbud and dogwood trees in Memory Lane at City Hospital in honor of the late Mrs. J. F. Edwards, former district president.

Luncheons on Thursday

Mrs. R. C. Alexander, retiring Woman's Department Club president, is to read a tribute to Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter is to give the address.

Reports of the public welfare department headed by Mrs. Florence Riddick Boys, Plymouth; American home department, Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville, and co-operation for the blind department, Mrs. C. M. Fish, South Bend, are to be given at luncheons tomorrow.

Thursday's luncheons are to be those of the international relations department, Mrs. L. L. Porter, Greenacres, presiding; rural co-operation department, Mrs. Raymond McNeal, Russiaville, and Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Alpha chapter, Mrs. W. H. Folk, Indianapolis.

Banquet Tomorrow Night

Tomorrow night the "Education for Living Banquet" is to be held. Speakers are to be Dr. Edward C. Elliott, Purdue University president, who is to talk on "The Liability of Ability" and Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, Purdue University, considered the best-known woman engineer in the United States, who is to speak on "The Challenge of Today's Problems."

Donald F. Stiver, state safety director, is to outline the state safety program for convention delegates Thursday afternoon. Lieut. A. J. Perrott is to talk on "Finger Painting—Why?"

Dr. Charles Emerson is to speak Thursday afternoon on "Habits for Living at Our Best."

Reports of district presidents are to be made at the afternoon sessions today and tomorrow. The resolutions and nominating committees are to report tomorrow afternoon, and the elections committee is to report at the president's dinner Thursday night.

Mrs. Balz to Be Honored

Mrs. George Jaqua, Winchester, is the only candidate named for the office of first vice president. The present first vice president is Mrs. Alfred Putnam, Valparaiso. Mrs. Oscar Ahlgren, Whiting, is the only candidate for treasurer. The present treasurer, Miss Louise Klinger, Brazil, is a candidate for trustee.

Mrs. Balz is to be honor guest at the breakfast Thursday given by the Seventh District Federation, of which Mrs. C. J. Finch, general arrangements chairman for the convention, is president. Other guests are to be Mrs. Jaqua and Mrs. Ahlgren. Mrs. Finch is to preside, and Mrs. Balz is to respond with a short address, "Reputation Travels."

MUSEUM GETS PAINTING

Jewish Group Present Water Color Done by Elias Newman.

Seven Jewish groups of Indianapolis have presented a water color by Elias Newman, entitled "Early Morning, Safford," to the John Herron Art Institute.

Painted in Palestine, where Mr. Newman has lived for several years, the picture was displayed at Kirshbaum Center last winter when the artist exhibited his pictures here.

Missive Mailed in Germany Left New York Saturday.

Mrs. Retta C. Morgan, employed at 1521 Central-av., is the recipient of a letter which made the flight across the Atlantic to Lakehurst, N. J., with the giant German dirigible Hindenburg.

The letter, which was sent by a cousin of Mrs. Morgan, was postmarked in Brandenburg, Germany, and was canceled at New York at 9 p. m. Saturday. It was received in Indianapolis yesterday.

Dean Miller, 16, and Louis Trimble, 16, also of Kokomo, pleaded guilty to similar charges and were sentenced to be sentenced today.

Bender was kidnapped at the Wabash Country Club, beaten, robbed of \$170 and left unclad in a field near Andrews. The three youths were captured near Brazil by State Police.

TOWNSEND CLUB TO MEET

The Townsend Harmony Club 37 is to meet at 7:30 tonight in the Central Universalist Church, 15th and New Jersey-sts.

Where's George?

A black and white cartoon illustration of a man in a suit and hat, looking confused, with a speech bubble above him that says "Where's George?".

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Truck Rate Cuts Flayed by Association President

'Chiseling Must Be Stopped,' Committee of National Group Told at Meeting.

A national committee representing the trucking industry heard Ted V. Rogers, president of American Truckers' Association, attack rate cutting when he spoke today at the Lincoln.

Members