

Philadelphia Scion Believed Victim Of N. York Kidnapers

Caleb J. Milner, 4th, Been Missing Since Last Saturday Night From Apartment

NOTE BEEN RECEIVED ASKING SUM MONEY

Federal G-Men Join In Search With New York's 'Scotland Yard' for Member of Wealthy Philadelphia Textile Family; Brother Gets Kidnap Note

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Spurred on by a tailor's story and the growing belief of relatives, Caleb J. Milner, 4th, has been kidnapped for ransom officials today intensified their search for the 21-year-old scion of one of Philadelphia's first families.

The youth's grandfather, Caleb Milner, Jr., retired textile magnate reluctantly agreed with the kidnap theory. He had previously scoffed at abduction reports.

While Federal G-Men joined New York State's "Scotland Yard" in the search for the handsome young actor, J. Schwartz, whose tailor shop is across the street from the modest Murray Hill apartment of Caleb and his brother, Frederick, told how a strange man accosted them last Monday night. It was through Frederick's "ransom" note indicated Caleb was kidnaped on his disappearance last Saturday night.

"We have your brother in the country," the letter postmarked Poughkeepsie, N. Y., said then added "keep in touch with your grandfather in Philadelphia and have a large sum of cash available."

The note was written in newspaper letters pasted on a sheet. It was signed also in newspaper type "Zwittler."

Clarence D. McKean, New England chief of Division of Justice agents, said at Boston that Federal men had been called in. The investigations were conducted in utmost secrecy. Federal authorities here refused to discuss the case.

Patrol To Start Punching License First of the Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE, Raleigh, Dec. 16.—State highway patrolmen will start punching the drivers' licenses of all drivers who are arrested, stopped or warned for various traffic law violation on and after January 1.

VERMONT'S ACT ON INCOMES INVALID

Taxed Incomes From Investments Outside Higher than Those Within

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP)—On the ground they "violate the life of national citizenship," sections of the Vermont income and franchise tax act of 1931 that impose larger tax on income from investment outside the state than on those within the state, were held invalid today by the Supreme Court.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy, slightly cooler in central portion tonight; Tuesday cloudy and unsettled; possibly rain Tuesday night.

Cuba's President



Jose A. Barnet, 71, is serving as provisional president of Cuba until May 20, following his selection by the cabinet and council of state meeting jointly as an electoral college. A constitutional president of Cuba will be elected Jan. 10, but the victor will not be inaugurated until May 20.

NO WAY TO BLOCK JAPAN'S EXPANSION

Her Nearness to North China Gives Everything In Favor of Program

Line of Communications Could Hardly Admit of Clipping; Seizure of Chinese Territory Offers Open Road

By CHARLES F. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer, Washington, Dec. 16.—Naval experts, asked how Japan's expansion in northern China can be stopped, practically are unanimous in expression of the opinion that it simply can't be done.

LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS. The Japanese, then have a line of communications dependably open to them, to what they seek to make their sphere of influence in northern mainland China—a line of communications which naval officers say couldn't be interrupted by the combined sea force

Rush For New Licenses Is Heaviest On Record

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE, Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Automobile owners are rushing to buy their new 1936 license plates as never before and sales by the motor vehicle bureau here Saturday, both direct to owners and by mail, were the largest on record for any opening day, Department of Revenue officials said today.

WPA TO SPEED UP PAY FOR WORKERS FAST AS POSSIBLE

State Administration Attempting To Cut Red Tape That Is Gummung up Operations

PROSPECTS ARE NOT VERY HOPEFUL NOW

All Pay Checks Written in U. S. Treasury Disbursing Office in Raleigh Which Is Not Directly Under WPA at All, But Is Operated As Separate Unit

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—The Works Progress Administration offices here are doing everything possible to speed up the issuance of pay checks to workers and permission is being sought from Washington to establish some branch disbursing offices so that every payroll will not have to be sent here to Raleigh in order to get the pay checks made out. It was stated at the State WPA offices here today by W. H. James, director of the division of information. But unless the authorities in Washington agree to the establishment of two or three branch offices for the writing of pay checks, some delay is bound to result in the payment of WPA workers.

Under the present system, a minimum of five days is required to issue pay checks to WPA workers after they have completed two weeks work," James said. "This means that they cannot possibly get their pay checks in less than 19 days after they first start work on a project, although they should get their checks every 15 or 16 days thereafter if there is no other delay. We are hoping however that some plan can be evolved whereby the pay checks can be issued within a shorter time."

The reason five days are now required even with no delays, for WPA workers to get their checks, are as follows: One day is required after the workers complete 14 days of work for the foremen to make out their time sheets and turn them over to the paymasters.

These time sheets are then sent in to the office of the district director of the WPA, who must check them and approve them and send them to the Department of Accounts of the central WPA office here in Raleigh, which requires another day. One day is required in the Department of Accounts to check the time sheets and payroll to see if they are correct.

NO DECISION YET G.O.P. CONVENTION

List Narrows Down to Chicago, Kansas City and Cleveland for Meet

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Bidding for the 1936 Republican convention definitely narrowed down today to Cleveland, Chicago and Kansas City.

Grocer Norris Guilty

George W. Norris, formerly of Broken Bow, Neb., faced a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$2,000 fine. He was charged with testifying falsely before a U. S. senate committee which investigated his attempt to become a candidate against Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska in the 1930 primary election campaign. He was put back by some of the opponents of Senator Norris.

Great Britain Preparing Counter Attacks On Critics Anglo-French Peace Plan

CRITICS SAY PLAN WILL BREAK DOWN SELASSIE KINGDOM

British Cabinet Called Into Emergency Session As Serious Situation Arises

FASCISTS TAKE THE DEFENSIVE IN SOUTH

Italy's Weary Southern Forces Brace for Attack of 40,000 Ethiopian Warriors; General Says Henry Ford Has Held Up Shipment of 800 Tractors

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A counter attack on critics of the Anglo-French plan for ending the Italo-Ethiopian war is in preparation by the British government.

In receipts of a crescendo of protests against what sharpshooters of the plan contend is a formula for dismembering the kingdom of Haile Selassie, Prime Minister Baldwin, informed sources said today in collecting material for presentation to the House of Commons.

The British cabinet, in token of the seriousness with which Britain has received the storm of criticism at Geneva and in various European capitals, invoked by publication of the Paris scheme for ending the war, met in emergency session.

News of the distinctly different flavor came meanwhile from the southern front, the area which Premier Mussolini would garner many thousands of square miles if the Franco-British plan is accepted without reservations—that it will not be regarded as a foregone conclusion.

There, where General Graziani a few weeks ago was pushing persistently northward to establish an Italian corridor between northern and southern Ethiopia, the Fascists conceded that it had taken the defensive.

From Eolo came a report that Italy's weary southern forces were braced for an attack expected momentarily from a mass of 40,000 Ethiopian warriors.

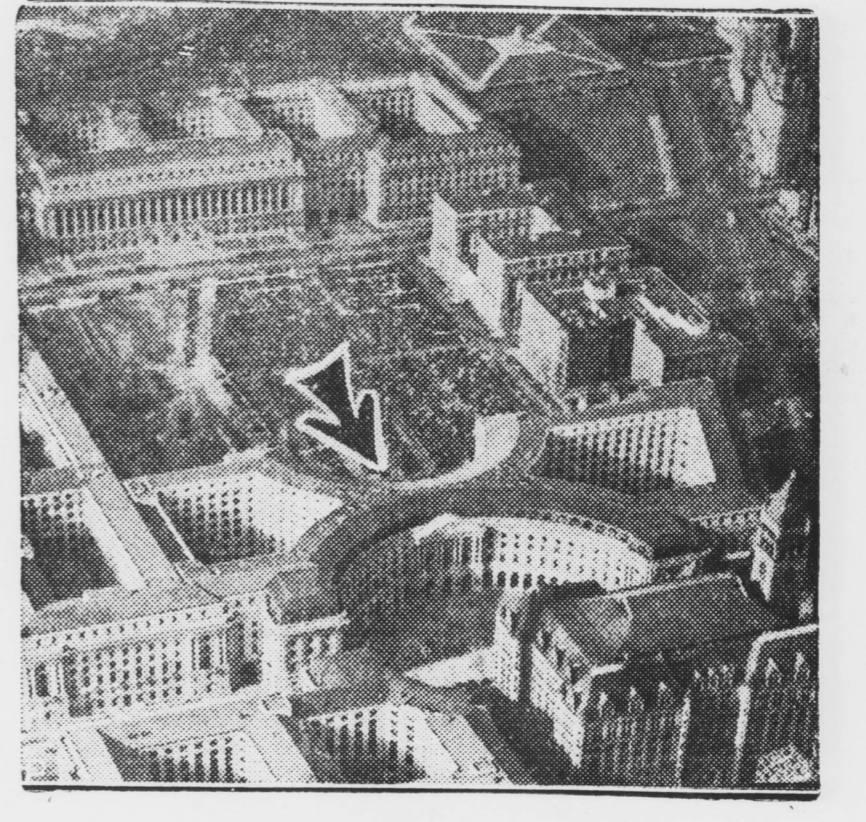
PRISON POPULACE 8,513 DECEMBER 1

Releases Greater Than Number of Prisoners Received in November

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE, Raleigh, Dec. 16.—There were 8,513 prisoners in the North Carolina prison system December 1, while 10,180 prisoners were handed during the month of November, according to the figures made public today by Acting Director Oscar T. Pitts of the prison division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Only 41 prisoners escaped during November as compared with 76 escapes in October, a decrease of 46 per cent. Pitts pointed out, while 56 escaped prisoners were captured and returned—or 15 more than escaped. There are several reasons for the reduction in the number of escapes, according to Pitts. The first factor is greater vigilance on the part of guards and prison camp superintendents. Another is better morale among the prisoners, due largely to the better food and more carefully prepared food upon which the prison division is now insisting. Still another factor is that it is winter time and the prisoners are assured of a warm, comfortable place to sleep and three good meals a day—more than many would

FIRE RUINS U. S. DOCUMENTS



Legislative investigation into possible incendiary origin of an eight-and-one-half-hour fire which swept through the sixth floor file room of the new \$10,000,000 postoffice department building in Washington, was indicated as government officials began reviewing the damage. Forty firemen were overcome by smoke as they battled the fire, which broke out in the offices of the reclamation bureau of the department of the interior and federal communications commission.

SNATCH VICTIM HAS BEEN FOUND ALIVE

Nicolas Castano, Kidnaped Week Ago, Found by Army Searchers

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 16 (AP)—Nicolas Castano, millionaire, who was kidnaped a week ago and held for \$500,000, ransom was found alive today by the Cuban army.

Details of Castano's recovery or whether the huge ransom had been paid were not immediately available. Police believed that the kidnaping was staged by Leftist revolutionary groups. Thousands of men had been called into the search for the wealthy-snatch victim, including national army, natives and police.

FARMERS BETTER OFF

Prices now are better off than they have been at any time since the beginning of their depression. Their depression began immediately after the end of the World War.

The latest estimates of farmers' income are at hand up to Nov. 1. For the first 10 months of 1935, farm income from marketing was \$5,099,000, an increase of 5.8 per cent over last year, according to the Alexander Hamilton Institute.

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Only 7 shopping days until Christmas. The district offices could be given the authority to issue the payroll checks, or even if two or three branch offices of the accounting and disbursing department could be established, say, at Asheville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem, to handle the payrolls for the counties in those sections, the Raleigh offices could easily handle those for all the eastern counties it is pointed out. It is estimated that with an arrangement of this sort, the paychecks could be issued within a period of two or three days at the most.

Upswing To Continue In Coming Year

And Higher Prices Will Prevail, Ayres Thinks; Would Re-Elect Roosevelt

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer, New York, Dec. 16.—Business statisticians and economists are predicting increased business and higher prices for 1936. Colonel Leonard P. Ayres of the Cleveland Trust company, most widely quoted of the business statisticians, looks for an approximate 10 per cent increase in 1936.

Hopkins Asked To Permit Distribution in WPA Emergency Here

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE, Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Not only has the North Carolina Works Progress Administration announced that it will increase the wage scale on city projects 10 per cent effective January 1, but it is also seeking permission from Washington to distribute surplus supplies, such as food and clothing which were still on hand when the old Emergency Relief Administration closed up all its activities some ten days ago, it was learned here today. WPA officials were reluctant to talk about this proposal to distribute the leftovers from the old ERA to those who have been cut off relief and for whom no employment has yet been provided, saying that nothing definite has been done as yet. But several admitted that the request has been sent to Washington for permission to extend some kind of assistance to those who have not yet been placed on work projects.

ERA SURPLUS FOOD MAY NOW BE USED

Whether National WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins will agree to this suggestion, no one knows. But in view of his oft-repeated statements to the effect that the Federal government is not going to let any one starve or go hungry and similar assurances by the President, a good many here believe that Hopkins will ten, they must be returned to the paymasters, requiring a fifth day—if the mails are prompt.

JAPANESE SEIZE VITAL RAILWAY IN DEEP NORTH CHINA

Student Demonstration Breaks Out In Peiping; Hostilities Renewed In Chahar

ATTACKERS DRIVE OUT LAST OF CHINESE

Last Element of Central Chinese Government Gone From Hopei, Says Japanese; Few Casualties On Both Sides In Taking Of Hangku, Vital Seaport

(By The Associated Press.) Kalgan, Chahar Province, China—Japan extended its way deeper into North China today, incoming troops armed with bayonets and machine guns taking posts around the railroad station of this interior gateway city on the Great Wall.

Swift coup by Japanese gave them control of the vital railway here. It accompanied seizure by arm forces of the Japanese appointed Hopei autonomous of Hangku, strategic seaport and railway center, 300 miles to the south.

Student demonstrations against the establishment of a semi-autonomy government for Chahar and Hopei provinces broke out again in Peiping, Hopei province. Chinese reports said hostilities were renewed in eastern Chahar between Chinese forces and forces of the north Japanese advised state of Manchoukuo.

Action at Hangku brought the military force of Hopei autonomous state into action for the first time.

The attackers moved into the port twenty-seven miles east of Tientsin after a brief battle with the retiring garrison. A few men were reported killed on both sides.

Japanese reports said the result was complete withdrawal of Chinese forces from Hangku, removing the last element of central Chinese government authority.

The leaders of Hopei autonomy stated a score of counties distinct from the semi-autonomy government set up later for all Hopei and Chahar provinces, were working in close cooperation with Japanese military. Informed sources anticipated that Japanese wishes would be carried out speedily under the new Hangku regime.

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Since the writing of all WPA pay checks is done in the disbursing office of the U. S. Treasury establishment here, and is hence not under the WPA at all, it is regarded as doubtful if the method of payment will be