

G-MEN ORDER HALT FOR KIDNAP SEARCH FOR TACOMA YOUTH

Observers Feel Sudden and
Unexpected Move Indi-
cates Fears For
Safety of Lad

CLUE TO IDENTITY
OF MAN IS SENSED

Believed Same Suspect Who
Recently Attempted Other
Snatches in Tacoma Area;
Principles Reside in Prop-
erty Connected With
Weyerhaeuser Family

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 29.—(AP)—A theory that the kidnaper of Charles Mattson, 10, was the man foiled twice in recent apparent attempts to abduct a six-year-old neighbor boy was divulged today when Tacoma police renewed examination of a ladder used in the previously undisclosed kidnap effort.

Search for the boy, meanwhile, was halted. Unofficial observers believed authorities were afraid for his safety.

The ladder was seized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin, Jr., late in November. The Franklins, by a coincidence, lived in the mansion formerly owned by the grandparents of George Weyerhaeuser, 10, who last year was kidnapped and ransomed for \$200,000.

The ladder was used there in an apparent attempt at kidnapping and may become an important link of evidence in the Mattson case, although the family and quotable authorities declined to comment upon it.

Dr. Mattson, the boy's father, announced publicly he would make no attempt to communicate with the kidnaper until advised by authorities to do so.

Search Halted.
Department of Justice agents, taking full charge of the widespread search for ten-year-old Charles Mattson and his bearded gunman kidnaper, brought all apparent activity to a halt today.

They directed Dr. Mattson, wealthy physician, whose son was snatched from his home Sunday night for \$28,000 ransom, to make no effort today to contact the kidnaper until told to do so.

They halted a search of police in a nearby ravine, protesting the kidnaper might kill his captive if he had him hidden there, and heard his pursuers approaching, and heard his pursuers approaching.

Most of the prowler cars, foot police and private boats which had been searching the Tacoma area for signs of the kidnaper, also ceased activities.

No Explanation Given.
The Justice agents, under C. C. Sears, of Portland, with customary tactfulness, offered no explanation of the sudden cessation of the activities. Dr. Mattson told newspaper men: "I haven't made any contacts." Things are just as they were when the man left. There is an absolute stalemate. I just feel helpless."

UNLOADING RELIEF WORRIES CONGRESS

Turning Job Back to States
and Local Governments
Is Proposed

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 29.—The 1937 session of Congress will see no tougher fight than the one involved in the national administration's plan to turn a much larger share of the burden of work relief back from the federal government to local governments—state, county and municipal.

It may seem queer, in a way, that local communities should so much prefer to pass the relief load on to Uncle Sam rather than take care each of their own proportion of the whole country's needy.

In the long run the bill must be fought by taxation anyway. What difference does it make say to a given city whether it pays directly to meet its domestic requirements or pays into a common federal fund, fairly contributed to the entire republic's taxpayers, for indirect distribution by Uncle Samuel?

THE WHY OF IT
Either way the problem is looked at, the number of folk to be relieved is identical—whether they are considered as a national total or as 48 groups, by states, added altogether. The summed-up cost would seem to be about the same, from which-ever angle it is viewed.

But—
Each locality, from the states on down, hopes to get more than its fair share of relief for less than its fair share of contributions into the federal "kitty."

NO CHANCE TO BE FAIR
In short, each state hopes to film-flam the other 47 states, proportionately, as to population. And each county and city hopes similarly to film-flam all other communities in like proportion.

The administration has sense
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Nippon Prince



Prince Yoshi-No-Miya Masahito
This photo of his imperial highness, Prince Yoshi-No-Miya Masahito, second son of the Emperor and Empress of Japan, is the latest portrait made of the young prince. The boy is now two.
—Central Press

Autonomy Is Desired For U. N. C. Units

Graham's Attitude
Believed Losing
Strength for Him
Among Trustees

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel,
By J. C. BASKERVILLE
Raleigh, Dec. 29.—Sentiment in favor of local self-government for the three units of the Greater University of North Carolina has been growing rapidly since the meeting of State College alumni here last week in which it was decided to make an active fight to give more authority to the administrative deans and faculties of the respective units and to curb the present dictatorial powers of President Frank Graham, under which he can virtually veto any acts of the deans and faculties of the other units. Reports indicate that a large number of alumni of the Chapel Hill and Woman's College units are joining hands with the State College alumni in asking the board of trustees to give each unit full autonomy and local self-government over its own affairs.

Under self-government over its own affairs.
Under the present setup, the administrative deans of the State College and Woman's College units, as well as members of the faculties, can be fired by President Graham almost at his pleasure, it is pointed out. It is also maintained that the recommendations of the administrative deans and of the faculties are frequently disregarded by Graham, with the result that both State and the Woman's College in Greensboro are virtually run from the office of the president in Chapel Hill.

Autonomy Desired
What the alumni and many of the faculty of State and the Woman's College want is for the board of trustees to make each of these units

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TVA Report Claims Trail Is Blazed In New Economic Era

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Tennessee Valley Authority, in its annual report, said today said it had blazed a trail for a new economic era based on electricity.

This possible key to the future, it said, was found by applying the principles that have become the badge of success for many American industries, "mass production and mass consumption."

A financial statement disclosed the cost of the whole program amounted at the end of the last fiscal year, to

Talked to Death



More than two weeks after he had started almost constant talking which only sedatives could halt briefly, Howard Stillman, 40 (above) of Ocala, Fla., died when physicians were unable to stem the flood of words.
—Central Press

GERMAN FREIGHTER HELD BY SPANIARDS IS SPEEDILY FREED

Curt Demand of Reich
Cruiser and Threat To
Halt All Ships Gets
Quick Results

INTERNED VESSEL'S
CARGO IS DEMANDED

Also Spanish Passenger On
German Ship Is Sought for
Release; Another Cruiser
and Torpedo Boat of Ger-
mans Is Rushed to Spain
By Berlin Order

Berlin, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The curt demand of the German cruiser and a threat to halt and search the ship of any nation heading for Bilbao won freedom today for the interned German freighter Palos.

The Palos, sequestered by Basque authorities at Bilbao last week, was liberated "upon demand of the cruiser Koenigsberg," an official announcement said, but part of her cargo and one unidentified Spanish passenger were retained by the Basques.

Nazi naval might immediately was pressed toward the Bay of Biscay to free the Spaniard and the rest of the cargo.

The cruiser Hoeln and a torpedo boat, rushed to Spain to protect German shipping soon after the Palos was captured, were due in the bay today.

Berlin authorities expressed confidence their presence would add emphasis to the Reich's demand for unconditional release of the Palos passenger and the rest of the cargo.

GREENVILLE TAXI DRIVER IS ROBBED

G. L. Pleasants Tells of Being Forced
On Lonely Road and There
Clubbed and Shot

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—G. L. Pleasants, store operator and operator of a taxi service here, was in a local hospital, in a critical condition today from being beaten and shot late last night by two unidentified men he said hired him for a trip.

Pleasants said the two had him turn off the Bethel-Greenville highway about four miles from town, after they had gone about two miles on the side road, Pleasants said one of his passengers hit him in the head with a hammer, and in a semi-conscious condition, he was dragged from his car, robbed and shot through the eye and left lying on the ground as the two men drove off in the taxi.

The injured man walked to the highway, he said, and a passerby picked him up and rushed him here. He gave officers a description of his passengers and related details of the attack. No trace of his car or attackers had been found this morning.

VICTIMS OF PLANE ARE RETURNED ON BACKS OF HORSES

All 12 on Board United Air
Lines Ship Are Killed
In Crash in Cali-
fornia Sunday

MOVING OF BODIES
TAKES MANY HOURS

Huge Liner, Lost in Terrific
Coast Storm, Was Ap-
proaching Los Angeles, Its
Goal, When it Crashed 20
Miles Distant, In Desolate
Mountains

Burbank, Cal., Dec. 29 (AP)—Twelve horses, each carrying a blanket-wrapped body, plodded over eight miles of muddy, twisting trails today, bringing from the mountains the victims of a transport plane crash Sunday night.

The first body brought out to the Los Angeles-Bakersfield highway was that of Alex Novak, 22, of El Centro, Cal. It was placed in a waiting ambulance.

Officers estimated it would require several hours for eleven more horses, each carrying a blanket-wrapped body, to complete the task.

Clearing skies this morning heralded the end of the storm that began Sunday, caused \$500,000 damage along the coast to beach cottages and small boats, and engulfed the United Air Lines transport Sunday night when it was only 18 miles from the airport here.

Almost Inaccessible
The grim task of bringing 12 bodies from a crashed air liner was tackled in rain-soaked, almost inaccessible

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Pope Still Suffering Great Pain

Vatican City, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Physicians attending Pope Pius, seriously ill with paralysis and old age complications, searched today for mild sedatives to relieve the pontiff's pain.

The holy father's condition was described as "unchanged," a report which inspired hope in prelates simply because no new crisis has arisen. Officials declared the excruciating pain the pope has been suffering in his paralyzed left leg cannot be relieved with ordinary opiates.

The holy father slept fitfully through the night, his attendants said, but was able to listen to morning mass, recited by his secretaries.

Train No. 3 Derailed At Greystone

A locomotive and tender and five express cars of the Seaboard Air Line fast southbound passenger and express train No. 3 were derailed a quarter of a mile south of Greystone shortly after three o'clock this afternoon as the train was enroute here. No one was injured.

The derailment occurred on a section of main line that was paralleled by a pass track and the cars piled up on the opposite side of the roadway, preventing a blocking of passing trains.

The derailment was said by railroad men to have been caused by an axle breaking on the second of two locomotives pulling the long train, that engine going off the rails and being followed by the five express cars. All of the passenger cars remained on the track, and the first engine, which also remained on the rails, moved up and back in over the pass track to pull out the passenger cars and then continue on its run. The train was delayed about half an hour. It was in charge of Conductor E. W. Meacham. It is regularly due in Henderson at 3:19 p. m. The train's regular run is from Washington to Hamlet and Columbia, with connections from the north and for Florida points.

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Congress To Rush New Law To Ban Munitions Shipment To Warring Spanish Groups

CUBA'S DICTATOR CONFERS



Col. Fulgencio Batista, center

Cuba's dictator and president-maker—as well as president-breaker—Col. Fulgencio Batista, is seen conferring in the field with some of his political aides. Batista caused impeachment proceedings to be brought against President Miguel Gomez for opposing his bill assessing a nine-cent sugar tax for military-taught rural schools.
—Central Press

Mother Of Slain Youth Shoots Up Jackson, Ky., Court And Wounds Three

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 29 (AP)—Before a court room crowd, Mrs. Viola Wickline today shot and critically wounded Johnny Shepherd, 18, accused of the Christmas eve slaying of her son, Harvey Gabbard, 17.

The woman, pale and with eyes bulging, fired three times at Shepherd, a cripple who had just taken the witness stand to testify at his examining trial on a charge of murdering Gabbard.

Moss Noble, attorney, and a bystander named Moore were wounded by the shots that terrorized the crowd partly filling the circuit court room. Noble was shot in the leg and Moore in the body. Their wounds were not believed critical.

The Breathitt county court, scene of bitter feud trials in the old days, had just been called to order by Judge George Little for Shepherd's examining trial.

A deputy sheriff said Mrs. Wickline opened fire without a word, her eyes bulging and face pale.

George Shouse, 27, a spectator, was critically wounded; Moss Noble, an attorney, fell with a bullet in his leg. A bullet bruised the knee of Howard Moore, a spectator.

Mrs. Wickline and three others were jailed.

Gabbard, a son by a former marriage of Mrs. Wickline, was shot to death Christmas eve. Shepherd was accused of murder, and his brother, Noah, of being an accessory.

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SENATOR PITTMAN DRAFTS BILL FOR QUICK ENACTMENT

Congressional Demand for
Stiffening Neutrality Act
Prompted by Air-
plane Permit

LICENSES GRANTED
FOR BIG SHIPMENT

Speedy Move To "Plug
Loophole" Forecast By
Congressmen Already In
Washington for Opening
of New Session on Next
Tuesday; Department
Blameless

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Legislation to halt American munitions shipments to both sides in the Spanish civil war was drafted today by Chairman Pittman, Democrat, Nev., of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who said he hoped to rush his bill through Congress immediately it convenes January 6.

He acted shortly after Walton Moore, acting secretary of state, deplored the lack of a statute to prevent the export of airplanes to strife-torn Spain, and regretted "the money making instinct continues to assert itself in time of war."

Congressional demands for swift amendment of the neutrality act were prompted by a State Department grant of licenses to export \$2,777,000 of second-hand airplanes and engines to the Madrid government.

Senator Duffy, Democrat, Wisconsin, Senate Foreign Relations Committee member, forecast immediate action after Congress convenes to "plug the loophole" which compels licensing of arms shipments for use in civil conflicts.

At the same time the legislative aspects of the problem were discussed at a conference between Moore and Chairman McReynolds, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The licenses were issued yesterday to Robert Cuse, president of the Vimalert Company, Ltd., of Jersey City, N. J., after he insisted on his right under the neutrality law to make such shipments.

The State Department had no choice but to grant the licenses when Cuse applied.

URGES OPPOSITION TO POWER COMPANY

Alabama Mayor Wants Municipal
Ownership of Utilities To Be
Allowed To Proceed

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Mayor Roy Ingram, of Tarrant City, Ala., urged representatives of Tennessee Valley municipalities today to cooperate in combatting the "opposition" of private power companies to "municipal ownership of utilities."

Mayor Ingram was named permanent chairman of the meeting.

Opening a conference of the valley city officials, Ingram said a major purpose was to facilitate effective cooperation with the TVA and President Roosevelt.

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Battles In Spain Shift Into South

Government Forces
Claim Important
Gains; Planes From
America Cheer

Madrid, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Fresh battles in southern Spain shifted the center of the bitter civil war today from fortified lines around the capital.

Andujar dispatches declared Socialist militiamen made important gains in what is known as the Carriobas sector. Enemy losses were set at 5,000 men during fighting in two sections, the reports said.

Four battalions of German soldiers and seven squadrons of cavalry participated in the insurgent defense against government attacks, the advices stated.

The war ministry was informed Socialist troops had captured a ceme-

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