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OREGON: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably rain in the northwest portion. Not much change in temperature.

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PROGRAM IN OBSERVANCE OF YULETIDE

Chamber of Commerce Holds Annual Christmas Week Luncheon

MR. WALZ SPEAKER; GIFTS PRESENTED

Resolution Honors Earl C. Reynolds; Opening Date of Recreation Hall Is Announced.

The chamber of commerce forum luncheon today at noon at the Sommer grill—the last to be held until Jan. 10—not only took the form of a Christmas program but also an official leave-taking for Earl C. Reynolds, who will go to Klamath Falls the last of this month.

The Rev. J. George Walz was main speaker of the meeting, delivering an address on "The Christ Child We Know." He urged that every person today should incorporate the spirit of Christ in every day life.

Dixon Is Santa Claus

Presided over by H. E. Dixon, numerous gifts were presented to various members of the chamber. A box of oranges, donated by the Ryan Fruit company, went to G. H. Currey; auto polish from the Western Auto Supply company, to S. M. Delpame, J. F. Longfellow and Jack Coolidge; a mince pie, from the Sommer hotel, to J. H. Keeney; a package from the Grande Ronde Meat company to S. B. Morgan; a flashlight from the Jack Allen Supply company went to E. Russell Scott, and an auto globe kit from the Western Auto Supply company went to W. W. Stevens.

The Sommer hotel presented each guest with a sprig of mistletoe, and the H. & S. Electric company gave each a clip of matches and an eraser.

Following the presentation of gifts to the members, H. E. Coolidge, president, gave a box of candy to the Sommer grill waitresses.

To Open Recreation Hall

Elmer Stoddard announced that the new L. D. S. recreation hal lat the new L. D. S. recreation hall at Avenue would be opened to the public on Thursday, Jan. 5 and asked that all members attend the formal opening, the program to be announced later.

Raymond O. Williams sang "In Bethlehem," and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rosenbaum played two xylophone duets. The musical numbers were generously applauded.

Tribute to Mr. Reynolds

After Mr. Coolidge paid a high tribute to Mr. Reynolds, a resolution expressing appreciation for the secretary's work with the chamber of commerce during the last few years and congratulating the Klamath Falls chamber upon his selection, was unanimously passed.

Mr. Reynolds responded with a few words of appreciation and expressed regret that he is to leave La Grande.

Rank of Page Is Given to Two Men

Two Knights of Pythias, Mr. Bideler, of Union, and Mr. Lunceford, of La Grande, received the page rank last evening when the local knights met and the initiatory work was put on.

Several Union members were present for the meeting.

U. S. Marine Killed In Nicaragua Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—In an engagement with bandits near Macelulizo, Nicaragua, early Sunday, Private Bernard P. Calloway of the United States marines was killed and the remainder of the marine patrol was forced to retire.

RESULTS ARE OBVIOUS

The business men of La Grande and the manufacturers of the nation who advertise intelligently in The Observer consistently throughout the year do not spend their money by chance. The results to be had are obvious—and they appreciate the value of The Observer's advertising columns accordingly.

The constantly increasing number of firms who are adding to their advertising budget for Observer space indicate conclusively by their action that satisfactory returns accompany every insertion. Concentrating advertising money in The Observer permits greater emphasis and more frequent messages—a valuable aid.

"Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service"

Turkeys, Geese In Demand For Christmas Meal

Supply Is Plentiful, with Prices Ranging from 25 to 38 Cents, Depending on Type of Bird.

Many La Grande families will eat turkey for their Christmas dinner Sunday, judging from the number of orders already received in the various markets asking that a turkey be put away until Saturday—the day before Christmas.

Turkeys seem to be plentiful this year, practically all of which are grown here, and as a result the price is within the reach of most families, bringing from 30 cents to 38 cents retail.

Several were winners at the trap shoots held last Sunday and took home a turkey or goose for the Christmas dinner. For those who were not so fortunate, however, some extra fine birds are to be had in the local meat markets, the best available having been bought for the holiday season.

For those who would rather have goose or duck for the Christmas dinner, will find it also on the local market. Goose is selling for 25 cents to 28 cents a pound and duck for 30 cents.

Grocery stores have interesting displays this week showing appropriate things to serve with the turkey or goose for the Christmas meal.

Elect H. M. Bay New Secretary Of Country Club

Harve M. Bay was yesterday elected secretary of the La Grande country club to take the place of Earl C. Reynolds, who will leave La Grande the first of the year to make his home in Klamath Falls, when a meeting of the board of directors was held at the Sommer hotel.

During the meeting it was decided to hold a dance in the ballroom of the La Grande hotel on New Year's eve for all members of the club. W. C. Perkins, Dr. Lee Bouvy and F. L. Lilly were appointed as a committee by the president, Elmer Stoddard, to make arrangements for the dance, which will be the first of a series to be given by the club during the winter.

Horses Become a "White Elephant"

A modern white elephant, in the form of a bunch of horses that is eating a certain East Oregon man out of hay, pasture, etc., is revealed in a communication made public here today.

The following letter, sent from Cayuse, Ore., and dated Dec. 15, has been received by the local postmaster, R. R. Huron:

"Postmaster at La Grande, Ore.

"Dear Sir: I taken 23 head of horses to pasture from a big man and his first name was Mike. He finished up some grading here the last of October and he was to come and see about the horses not later than the 15th or 20th and I have had them a month and a half. They was a man told me he thought he lived in La Grande and if he has a box you could drop this letter in it or get him word some way as the horses has et pretty near all my hay and the pasture is gone."

The letter was signed by the writer's name.

Boy Captured And Lodged in Jail

Believing that it would be useless to take him to his home, police kept Dettmer Ashley, 9, in the city jail last night after his second capture following his departure from home without consent.

The boy ran away Saturday night and was caught in Pendleton Sunday evening and returned to La Grande. Arriving here yesterday morning he slipped away from the conductor and was not caught again until about 7 o'clock last night when C. K. McCormick, county clerk, chanced to notice the boy. Mr. McCormick took him to the police station. The lad had been dodging policemen most of the day, it is said.

Disposition of his case is not agreed upon but the police may turn him over to the county for appearance before juvenile court. Officers know of no reason why he would want to leave home.

Woman Arrested In Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Marie Clifford, 22, arrested recently at Oregon City, was indicted on a charge of passing counterfeit money today by the federal grand jury.

Chin Fon and Luke Jennings were jointly indicted charged with manufacture of counterfeit dollars in Portland.

6,000 SLAIN IN PURGING OF SOUTH CHINA

Canton's Mad Week Results in Rupturing of Relations with Soviets

ACTUAL WAR BUT NO DECLARATION

Foreigners, Excepting the Reds, Unmolested—Observer Believes End Not Yet in Sight

By Glenn Babb
(A. P. Far Eastern Correspondent)

PEKING, Dec. 20 (AP)—Out of the bloody turmoil of Canton's mad week has emerged the salient fact that South China, or the portion calling itself nationalists, has ruptured relations with the soviet as violently and completely as possible without the actual declaration of war.

Indeed, it appears that if armed conflict were geographically possible, the two nations would be at each other's throats.

At least one recognized soviet official, Vice Consul Hassis, is definitely known to have perished before a Chinese firing squad at Canton.

From the entire Yangtse valley and to the south of it, all Russians officially connected with the soviet are being hustled out and soviet commercial places closed down.

Bloody Canton

At Canton, this was accompanied by revolting bloodshed. Soviet representatives in Hankow were given barely 48 hours to leave after being rounded up early last Friday morning and marched bound through the streets, some of them still in their night clothes. Tomorrow has been set as the limit of departure from Shanghai.

The absence of anti-foreign feeling, except against the soviet, is noteworthy. During the events of last week not a single foreign casualty, except Russians, was reported from the whole nationalist area. Some non-Russians were arrested in the Hankow roundup, but they were later released with apologies.

During the communist coup at Canton, it was necessary to bring approximately 120 Americans,

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TED ROY STOPS EN ROUTE HOME

Pilot Rock Singer Likely to Get Great Welcome at End of Journey

With "Lindberghian" modesty, Ted Roy, 250-pound blonde O. S. C. junior from Pilot Rock, who roped honors for home town, college and state recently by winning second place in the national Atwater-Kent radio singing contest, acknowledged congratulations when he passed through La Grande this morning on his way home. With Mr. Roy was Professor Paul Petri, head of music of the state college, who accompanied him to Washington, D. C., where the contest was held. Undoubtedly when Mr. Roy reached Pilot Rock this afternoon he was accorded a miniature "Lindbergh" welcome by the entire population of the town, for his accomplishment is no small one, and has received national recognition. To receive second prize in the finals of a nation-wide contest in which thousands of musicians participated and to be selected by leading musicans and music critics of the United States was to the youth from the little town of Pilot Rock one of those "dreams that come true."

Asked whether he had formed definite ambitions, Mr. Roy admitted that he hoped to go into concert work. "First, I want to finish my course at O. A. C., and then to take advantage of the scholarship and ultimately enter concert work," he said.

"Ted is best fitted for concert singing and we are going to see that he has the best of training," said Professor Petri, who besides being Mr. Roy's instructor is his fraternity brother, both being associated with Tau Kappa Epsilon.

According to Professor Petri, the radio contest was of national constructive value, and its importance in a musical way is great.

The contest was conducted on an absolutely fair and successful basis, according to both Professor Petri and Mr. Roy, who expressed their entire satisfaction with the results. The performers were "treated royally," they said, and were presented to President and Mrs. Coolidge during their stay in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Roy has been studying music for the past five years.

"No, I didn't take part in musical activities in high school; I was too busy playing baseball," he laughed.

The two were passengers on train No. 17 this morning.

Remus, Killer of Wife, Acquitted In Murder Case

Verdict by Jury Means That He Will Have to Face Hearing to Determine His Mental Status

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20 (AP)—George Remus today was found not guilty of murder on the sole ground of insanity. The jury's verdict means he will have to face a hearing to determine his present mental status. The case went to the jury at 12:49 p. m. today.

Despite the warning of Judge Chester R. Shook cheers rent the air as spectators in the court-room and in the corridors began a wild celebration.

Remus leaped up and cried: "I wanted American justice and I thank you folks."

Remus shot and killed his estranged wife, Imogene, in Eden Park here last October 6.

Only one ballot was taken.

Monday Will Be Holiday; Stores Will Be Closed

Because Christmas day comes on Sunday this year and the following Monday will be observed as a holiday in La Grande, most of the stores of the city will be closed all day, according to announcement made this morning. Municipal and county offices and courts will also be closed Monday.

The post office will also observe the day as a holiday and will remain open only from eight o'clock until 12 on Monday morning, and the carriers will make one trip only. Sunday, which is Christmas day, the ordinary distribution of mail as it is handled on Sunday will be made, R. R. Huron, postmaster, said this morning. Postal employes have been working to capacity this week handling packages, which are coming in a little earlier this year than before, according to the post master. The Christmas mail appears to be heavier this year than in previous years.

Several of the stores, where Christmas gifts may be purchased, will remain open until 8:30 o'clock every evening this week. The food stores, however, will close every night at six o'clock, with the exception of Saturday when they will remain open until 8:30, it is said.

Hickman's Record In H. S. Excellent

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 20. (AP)—This is the record at Central high school here of William Edward Hickman, idegtified as the kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker in Los Angeles:

Vice president senior class 1926.
President Central Webster club.
President Central Chapter, national honor society.
Member negative debate team 1925.
Member student council 1924, 1925, 1926.
Business manager Central Lumpiary (weekly newspaper).
Literary editor Centralian (school annual).
President Central Classics club 1925.
Junior Aide Central Thucydides club, 1923.
Senior ballot: "Best boy orator."

Mrs. Lindbergh On Way to Mexico City

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—Mrs. Ecangeline Lindbergh left Lambert-St. Louis field at 1:05 p. m. today for Springfield, Mo., on her airplane flight from Detroit to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

PAMPHLET GOES TO PRISON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Captain Robert Pamphlet of the Canadian rum schooner Pescawha started from here today for McNeil Island prison to begin serving a two-year sentence for violation of federal customs and liquor laws.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Among federal indictments reported today was one against William Louis Johnson, charged with transporting a stolen car from Seattle to Klamath Falls.

DEATH NEARS TO SIX MEN IN SUB S-4

Only Faint Sounds Heard from Wrecked Vessel During Morning

HEAVY SEAS KEEP RESCUE MEN IDLE

Life Time Limit to Expire at 7 O'clock Tomorrow Morning—Chances of Relief Few.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 20, (AP)—Faint sounds were heard from within the sunken submarine S-4 at 11 o'clock today but these were not signals, officers of the submarine S-8, sister ship of the ill fated craft, said. It appeared to those on the surface that the six survivors of the S-4 were making vain efforts in their own behalf.

Meantime weather conditions continued to render rescue attempts impossible. Wind and sea at that hour were much worse than at any other time since the submarine was rammed by the coast guard destroyer Paulding off this harbor last Saturday.

Hopes Are Slight

As the salvage crew impatiently awaited better sea conditions to renew diving operations, Captain Ernest T. King, in charge of this department of the work, said there was but little hope that any of the imprisoned men would be taken out alive.

Captain King said that if the weather moderated at low water about 3 o'clock this afternoon, divers would be sent down and an attempt would be made by them to get tanks of oxygen and liquid nourishment into the S-4's torpedo compartment through the listening gear, known as the "S-C tube."

Such a procedure has never been attempted before, he said.

It was hours since Lieut. Graham Newell Fitch, leader of that desperate band, had tapped out the last message to the outside world, a message that naval officers feared to answer. This message at 4:45 p. m. yesterday was:

"Is there any hope?"

Names of Survivors

Laboriously, by hammer, the six spelled their names and for the first time it was definitely known whom the possible survivors of the 40 men who had left on a trial cruise which ended last Saturday when the submarine was rammed by the coast guard destroyer Paulding.

Besides Fitch they were: Frank Snizek, torpedo man, Ridgefield Park, N. J.

Russell A. Crabb, torpedo man, San Diego, Cal.

Roger Leslie Short, torpedo man, Booneville, Mo.

Joseph L. Stevens, seaman, Providence, R. I.

George Pelnar, seaman, South Omaha, Neb.

Time Limit Fixed

The signals were picked up by a companion undersea craft the S-8 on its oscillator. The time limit of life was fixed for today by Lieut. Charles R. Momsen, navy submarine expert at Washington. Momsen declared that a normal discharge of carbon dioxide from the imprisoned six would bring death in 57.7 hours from the time of the crash which was at 3:37 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The time limit expires at 7 a. m. tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Investigation by a house committee of the sinking of navy submarines S-4 and S-51 was asked today by Representative Griffin, democrat, New York.

Tourists' Escape From Gas Death

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Inhaling the fumes from a burning gas heater in an unventilated automobile camp cabin here last evening, nearly cost the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Drake, of Butte, Mont., who were revived at a hospital, following several hours of treatment. The couple were completely recovered today and left this afternoon by motor for their home following an extensive Pacific coast auto tour.

Three Circuit Judges, Including J. W. Knowles, Hearing Test Suit

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Three circuit judges today were sitting en banc in a test suit involving approximately $52,000,000 in life insurance claims.

Four of the largest life insurance companies in America were the defendants and more than 100 claims were at issue.

Judges George Taswell, Multnomah county, Fred Wilson, The Dalles, and J. W. Knowles, La Grande, will rule on the hearing.

The defendant companies were the German-American Life, New York Life, Mutual Life, and Equitable.

Jurisdiction of local courts was the chief question at issue.

C. T. Hass, representing the German policy holders, brought the suit.

Hass asked payment in American money on policies written by American companies in Germany. The companies contend that they should pay insurance in the same country in which the premiums were paid.

Deflation of the German mark and the difference in other foreign exchange rates and the American dollar was said to have been the chief inspiration for the suits.

115 YEARS OLD

Arkansas' oldest citizen, "Uncle Jimmie" McCann of the small rural community of Dora, will celebrate his 115th Christmas this year. He has smoked and drunk in moderation, he says, since he was nine years old. For 53 years he was a sailor.

EXPLOSION KILLS ONE, HURTS FOUR

U. S. Langley Scene of Tragic Blast Off San Diego Early Today

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 20. (AP)—Chief Carpenter's Mate Ainsworth was killed, four men seriously injured and three more slightly hurt in an explosion aboard the United States naval aircraft carrier Langley here this morning. Previously it had been reported that two men had been killed but a later check showed Ainsworth the only man known to have been killed.

However, it was reported that two or three other men had been blown overboard by the force of the blast although this has not yet been verified.

Names of the injured have not yet been made known.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by leaking gasoline which gathered between two huge containers under the deck of the steamship, each of which have a capacity of 225,000 gallons.

Fire followed the explosion and the naval tug Koko and the fire boat Bill Kettner were rushed to the scene but the crew of the Langley succeeded in extinguishing the flames before the arrival of the boats.

The four seriously injured men were brought ashore and taken to the naval hospital, while the three men slightly hurt, were treated at the North Island naval air dispensary.

SLUGS GUARD IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE JAIL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—The unnamed suspected accomplice of William E. Hickman, accused in the Marian Parker murder, today made a desperate bid for freedom in the city jail.

This young man, powerful in build, leaped on the guard who opened his cell door, slugged him and was attempting to obtain the officers keys when the noise of the struggle brought other policemen running.

It required the efforts of four officers to subdue the prisoner, who was locked in another cell screaming threats against the police and crying that he would take his own life.

Two guards were stationed over him to prevent any attempt at suicide. The unnamed prisoner, said by detectives to form a connecting link between the accused slayer and the Parker family, came here recently from Kansas City.

Calles, Obregon Fly With Lindy

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20 (AP)—President Calles and former President Obregon today made separate flights with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, American air hero, at the stick of a commercial plane loaned for the trips.

President Calles and General Obregon were each in the air about 25 minutes.

Both President Calles and General Obregon, probably the two most powerful men in all Mexico, expressed great pleasure in the flight and said that they had complete confidence in the American air man.

PORTLAND MAN ILL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP)—M. W. Hunt, flour manufacturer of Portland, Ore., was stricken suddenly with apoplexy at the Palace hotel today. Dr. Elbridge Best was summoned and pronounced Hunt's condition serious. He was removed to the Dante sanitorium.

Senator Norris' Open Letter Is Answered Today

W. R. Hearst Presents Statement — Intimates That Nebraskan Refrained from the Truth

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Testimony that Miguel Avila, who claimed to have obtained the Hearst Mexican slush fund documents, had handled a forged document in Mexico City was given the senate investigating committee today by Robert H. Murray, a former newspaper man in the Mexican capital.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (AP)—W. R. Hearst last night issued a statement in reply to an open letter from Senator Norris, of Nebraska, regarding publication of documents by the Hearst newspapers. The statement says in part:

"It is not necessary to reply to Senator Norris' hysterical and vituperative statement in kind.

"I might state, however, that if Senator Norris is anxious to establish the truth he might begin by telling the truth, a thing that he his distinctly refrained from doing throughout his whole statement.

"The plain facts of this whole Mexican matter are that these Mexican documents are apparently quite authentic and that no proof whatever has been produced of their lack of authenticity. . . .

"I might have, in the first place, refrained from publishing any of the documents, in which case, my possession of the documents being known, I would eventually have been accused by persons as careless of facts as Senator Norris, of having been too cowardly and too concerned for my property interests in Mexico to have revealed frets through the medium of my newspapers, which affected the welfare of the American people, and which the American people had a right to be acquainted with.

"In the second place, I might have printed some of the documents and suppressed others, in which case I would have been accused of suppression of the facts or perversion of the facts to suit my own prejudices of opinions.

"In the third place, I might have interviewed the senators mentioned and published their explanations in my newspapers, but I could not see, and can not now see, how denials made in my newspapers would have any superior force of effect over denials made by them under oath before a governmental body.

"Moreover, such a course would have necessitated the publication of the senators' names and I was in no way adequately informed of the probable course of the government, and as to whether it ever would be considered necessary or desirable by the government to make public the senators' names.

"Therefore I mentioned no individuals but merely printed the documents deleted of names, and left the determination of that important point for the government.

"It was only when the authenticity of the documents became almost overwhelmingly established that publication began. . . .

"It is true, as Mr. Norris said and as I told the committee, that I have property valued at approximately four million dollars in Mexico which I had possessed in peace and security through the friendship and favor of Mexican government.

"Certain nobody but a perfect jackass—and Senator Norris is not that—at least not a perfect one—could imagine that my property holdings were benefited by losing the friendship and favor of the Mexican government.

"As a matter of fact, in publishing these documents there was strong probability—in fact, the near certainty—that these properties would be confiscated at the earliest possible moment by the Mexican government. . . ."

Woman, Child In 6-Story Plunge To Instant Death

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—A tiny girl clasping a doll in her arms was thrown out of a sixth story window in a Brooklyn apartment house today by a woman who then flung herself from the same window. Both woman and child were killed.

The woman and child were later identified as Mrs. Elizabeth Levine, 27, of St. John Place, and her daughter Ruth, two and one-half years old. It was learned from the woman's husband, Murray Levine, that she had recently suffered a nervous breakdown.

Two Children Are Burned to Death

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Two small children of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hoke, of Marcola, Ore., 20 miles north of Eugene, were burned to death late yesterday in a fire which destroyed the Hoke home. The children were asleep in a bedroom and the parents were outside when the fire started. The flames got such headway that rescue was impossible.

The victims were Charlotte, aged 4 months, and Rexert 2 years. A third child, Evelyn, 3 managed to escape from the burning building.

FIEND ELUDES OFFICERS IN LOS ANGELES

Killer of Marian Parker Identified as William Edward Hickman

REVENGE IS HELD LEADING MOTIVE

Milton Jakowsky, Alleged Accomplice of 'The Fox' Arrested and Held in Jail.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20 (AP)—William Edward Hickman, marked by police as the slayer of kidnaped Marian Parker, still was at large at noon today, while Milton Jakowsky, suspected accomplice, was held incommunicado in the city jail.

Approximately 8000 men, scoring the metropolitan area for the accused slayer, who at dawn today slipped through their fingers in the down town business district, drove several times during the morning or false trails when rumors of suspected persons being seen came into headquarters.

Jakowsky, whose name was withheld by police until noon today, was arrested about ten o'clock last night and is believed to have been the connecting link of information between the family of the murdered girl and the accused slayer.

Detectives announced that they had found virtually indisputable evidence that Marian had been taken by her abductor to an apartment on Bellevue avenue where Hickman lived during last week and at the time the school girl was kidnaped on Thursday. A piece of a "nigger toe" nut was found in the apartment in a waste basket which corresponded to another piece taken from the pocket of her dress when her mutilated body was turned over to her father for $1500 ransom money. What were believed to be bloodstains also were found in the apartment.

No further trace of the blue Cadillac auto in which Hickman outdistanced a pursuing filling station attendant seeking the pay for five gallons of gasoline was reported.

A crowd of several hundred curious persons gathered in narrow First street between Broadway and Hill during the morning and watched officers rushing in and out, but made no move toward interfering with police.

Reported Seen

Scores of fast police cars and motorcycles sped to Long Beach just after 10:30 o'clock when it was reported a man resembling Hickman had been seen driving a red Indian motorcycle at a high rate of speed in the direction of the beach city.

Police, recalling that Hickman was arrested for forgery early this year when he is alleged to have stolen enough money to buy a motorcycle, considered the lead good and took all steps to effect the suspect's capture.

At 9 a. m. police announced the belief that Hickman, driving what is believed his second stolen automobile, slipped through a tremendous police drag net early this morning and escaped capture by a minute.

So close was the chase that a short time later a flash at police headquarters reported his arrest but it proved a mistake and upwards of 7000 peace officers of Southern California continued the drive.

In the darkness just before dawn, a blue Cadillac car with wire wheels pulled into a filling station on West Sixth street. The driver asked for five gallons of gasoline, got them, and requested a fresh bulb for one of his head lights. While the attendant was inside the building getting the

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