

## KIDNAPING PLOT AGAINST MOVIE FAMILIES EYED

### Pair Indicted for Skeele Abduction had List of Notables, Report

### Man is Caught on Roof of Millionaire's Home at Denver; Suspected

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A plot to kidnap motion picture stars or their children was charged by police today to Luella Pearl Hammer and Frank Howard, indicted by the county grand jury yesterday for the abduction of Mrs. Mary B. Skeele.

In a desk in Miss Hammer's home, it was announced by Chief of Detectives Joseph Taylor, operatives found a list of the names of numerous film notables, their children and their business agents.

The name of Jackie Coogan, juvenile actor, with his home address, his telephone number and several business associates, headed the list.

Included were the names of Mary Philbin, Lottie Pickford, Mary Pickford, Constance Talmadge, Harold Lloyd, Mildred Lloyd, Buster Keaton, Adolph Menjou, and C. E. Erickson, Mary Pickford's manager.

DENVER, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Sunday—Police early today captured a man on the roof of the home of A. E. Humphreys, Jr., Denver millionaire, near the room where the Humphreys' daughter, Charline, three and one-half years old, was sleeping. Officers said the man feigned drunkenness when captured.

The man, who said he was Paul G. Taylor, told Police Sergeant Oscar Willis he was so drunk he didn't know how he happened to be on the roof.

He was discovered by Mary Jackson and Clair Arquist, employees of the Humphreys household, who notified Humphreys.

Humphreys is a son of the late Col. A. E. Humphreys, who made a fortune in Texas oil.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Vigorous grilling of two men and a woman held in connection with a plot to extort \$50,000 from Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was resumed tonight by federal investigators who announced statements obtained from the trio were "conflicting" and contained some information they wanted to "keep confidential for the present."

The Bryan, 19-year-old boy who attempted to cash the \$17,000 "planted" check that led to his arrest and that of Norman Harvey and Harvey's wife, Elsie, was the first to be recalled by Assistant District Attorney T. X. Parsons and United States Agent T. N. Stapleton.

He was questioned about his assertion to Special Agent John M. Keith, in a two and a half hour interrogation between midnight and dawn today, that the three agreed to split equally the money obtained. Stapleton this afternoon quoted Harvey as saying that there was no such agreement, but that Bryant had agreed to give him \$10,000 if he would endorse the check left in a hollow stump by police representing themselves to be Lindbergh agents.

## JAPAN WILL REFUSE TO GIVE UP 'STATE'

TOKYO, Feb. 11.—(AP)—An emphatic refusal to drop the state of Manchukuo which Japan set up after driving the Chinese out of Manchuria is in preparation as this government's reply to a League of Nations proposal for settlement of the dispute over that territory.

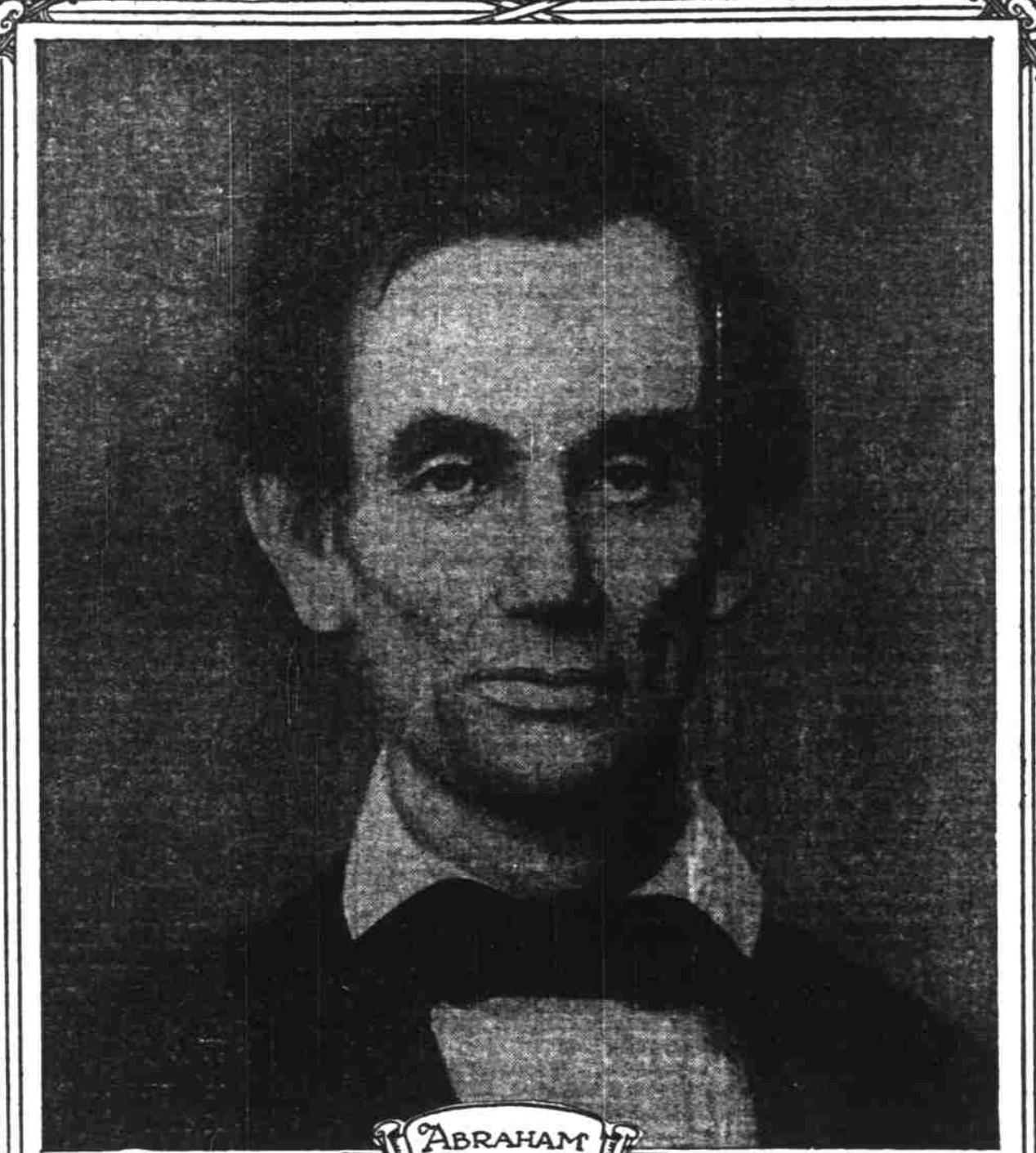
It will be a proclamation to the world in unmistakable language that Japan is determined to maintain Manchukuo's independence regardless of the consequences.

GENEVA, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A draft report, constituting a strong indictment of Japan for its Manchurian policy, was completed by a sub-committee today and will be considered Monday by the committee of nineteen of the League of Nations assembly.

The sub-committee recommended that the disputing parties enter into negotiations for settlement under the auspices of a special commission of powers in which the United States and Russia would be invited to participate.

MAY BAN PAID WORKERS  
Adoption of a majority report on H. B. 288 by Representative Abrams yesterday was considered harbinger of the passage of the bill in the house. Under the measure's terms, payment to solicitors on referendum or initiative petitions would be banned. Only supervisors could be paid under the terms of the bill.

## "Now He Belongs to the Ages"



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

A photograph of the painting of Abraham Lincoln made from life by the renowned artist, George Fredrick Wright, at the time when Lincoln was president-elect. The portrait was presented to the Civil War president by his friend and campaign manager, William Butler. It is now in Springfield, Ill.

## TREND OF WEATHER HANGS IN BALANCE

### Depends on Change in Wind; 56 Degrees at Newport; Snow Blocking Roads

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Only an "if" remained between the present cold spell and a decided turn for the warmer in Portland, the United States weather bureau indicated tonight.

A warm southwest breeze was prevailing and the temperature rising gradually. "If" there is no sudden shift of the wind to the east, then winter can remove itself—temporarily at least—to other regions.

Snow fell steadily here early today, but though it covered the city, a light rain later in the day had all but vanquished it. Warm winds on the Oregon coast sent temperatures up to almost normal levels today. The temperature at Tillamook rose to 56 degrees and at Newport, to 58 degrees. Rain ushered in the warmer weather along the coast.

Snow fell in eastern Oregon, arousing the mercury from its sub-freezing slump. Snowplows were busy attempting to keep open the roads out of La Grande to Baker and Elgin in the face of a generous fall.

About two inches of snow fell at Pendleton during the night. Burns welcomed the snow that (Turn to page 3, col. 2)

## Unveiling of Bust Honors Abe Lincoln

WEST SALEM, Ill., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Here on the wooded banks of the Sangamon river, where Abraham Lincoln started the public career that carried him to immortality, the great emancipator will be honored on the anniversary of his birth tomorrow.

It was 100 years ago that the women of old West Salem, then teeming mill town, rebelled because the postmaster permitted their anxiously awaited mail to remain untouched while he dispensed whiskey to 30 men. They circulated petitions for his removal. Lincoln was given the job, a cornerstone of his temple of statesmanship.

Descendants of these hardy pioneer women tomorrow will attend the unveiling of a bust of old West Salem's most famous postmaster by Carl B. Chandler, noted Lincoln authority, at the old Salem state park. The bust was sculptured by Madeline Masters Stone, who completed the work shortly before her death. Mrs. Stone was the sister of Edgar Lee Masters, author of "Lincoln the Man," a book which most West Salem folk label a slander on the emancipator.

## GEARIN SENTENCED FOR 2-YEAR TERM

### Allowed to Give Himself up at Prison, Plea for Parole is Heard

Fred M. Gearin, who admitted embezzlement of over \$17,000 from two fire relief associations at Donald, was yesterday sentenced to two years in prison on each of two indictments returned against him. Maximum imprisonment will be two years, however, as the sentences are concurrent.

Judge McMahan, who imposed sentence, instructed the sheriff to let Gearin escape humiliation of being taken to the prison. Gearin, it is understood, is to appear himself at the clerk's office, secure the commitment documents, and journey to the penitentiary unattended. He was granted time to attend to some personal business, and is scheduled to go to the prison sometime next week, probably Wednesday.

Gearin, by Custer Ross, his attorney, made a lengthy showing for parole. He stated he used \$3,000 of the embezzled money in (Turn to page 3, col. 2)

## DRUG STORE LIQUOR SALE IS MODERATE

Whiskey being sold in Salem drug stores is going almost entirely for medical treatment, according to druggists questioned yesterday. All declared their belief that, considering the low volume of sales, the privilege of filling liquor prescriptions was not being abused here.

Most of the druggists abated at stating the quantity of whiskey they had sold since receiving their sales permits, but one reported he had dispensed about two cases, or 48 pints. The price of drug store whiskey, varying from \$2.50 upward per pint plus physician's prescription fees, was pointed out as a check on sales for other than medicinal purposes.

One druggist said he expected the demand for the bonded whiskey, handled under government supervision, would increase materially when the heavy federal tax is reduced.

## He Somersaults Once Too Often

LOWVILLE, N. Y., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Joseph Norris, 67 year old farm hand, who had turned somersaults for years to keep himself in physical trim, died today of a fracture of a vertebrae in his neck, received Thursday in executing one of them.

## RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA IS SEEN AS VITAL ISSUE

### DeWitt Poole, Once Leader On Other Side, Decides Time is now Ripe

### Borah Favorable, Believes Roosevelt Will Favor Important Step

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NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The question of recognition of Russia by the United States is being discussed with renewed vigor by numerous leaders, with indications the matter may be urged upon President Roosevelt, for decision early in his administration.

DeWitt Clinton Poole, former consul general and charge d'affaires in Moscow, who later in the state department played an important part in shaping the present policy of non-recognition, said tonight he now had reached the opinion "the time for a change in our Russian policy has come."

"As a matter of practical politics," he continued, "I am sure something is going to be done in this direction within a short time."

At a meeting of the Foreign Policy association in Boston February 18 he will call for a re-examination of this country's attitude toward the soviet government.

Borah Will Seize Every Opportunity  
In Washington, Senator Borah (R., Idaho) said he would seize every chance that came his way to bring about the recognition of Russia.

Although the question of re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia is an executive responsibility, Borah has reason to believe the president-elect is at least interested in the subject, and he said he would await any move from that direction before making up his mind what he would do in the next congress.

Senator Norris (R., Neb.) said he did not know what attitude the democratic administration would take on recognition. "But I am for recognition," he said, "I think it should be done and done soon."

## WANT ARMY CAMPS TO SHELTER NEEDY

### WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A proposal to throw army camps open to jobless, homeless boys was demanded by the wealthy Michigan republican caucus, who estimated that 300,000 of them in "terrific distress" were wandering from city to city in search of work.

His proposal was termed a "dole" by Senator Smith (D., S.C.), who would "invite unemployment" and teach the nation's boys to rely on the government for support. He also contended it would mean the "total demoralization of discipline" at army posts.

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## Weber Head of Road Engineers

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—(AP)—I. A. Weber of Salem, Ore., was elected president of the Northwest society of highway engineers at the annual meeting of the organization here tonight. Weber will succeed W. D. Clarke, also of Salem.

Oscar Oyster was elected first vice-president, and Frank Young of Oregon City, treasurer.

## The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press  
Senate agriculture committee voted to limit farm allotment plan to wheat and cotton.

Senate banking sub-committee approved Hull bill providing a two-year moratorium on farm mortgage foreclosures after extending it to include city homes with value of \$5000 or less.

Charles A. Miller, president of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced he will leave his post March 4.

Democratic house leaders considered disciplining party members refusing to support proposal to grant Roosevelt broad powers to reorganize government.

In near-record speed, both houses passed and President Hoover signed moratorium bill — was reported by a banking sub-committee.

## Five Businesses Hit By Blaze at Dallas; Avert Further Loss

### Chapman Building Scene of Costly Fire, Still Going Early This Morning; Origin is Not Officially Determined

DALLAS, Feb. 12.—(Special)—At 1 a. m. today the fire had razed practically all of the buildings on Main street between Robb and Jefferson streets. Only the wooden walls of the Schneider's jewelry store were standing but the inside was totally destroyed. Danger of the flames' spreading was believed past since only a light breeze was blowing and nearby buildings are all of brick or concrete.

DALLAS, Feb. 12.—(Special)—City firemen were exerting strenuous efforts here early today to confine a fire that was discovered at 11:15 p. m. Saturday licking into the R. L. Chapman frame building at Main and Robb streets. Although the flames were soon brought under control, it was expected loss would amount to between \$10,000 and \$15,000, about one-half covered by insurance.

The fire was burning in all of the business structures in the Main street half of the block bounded by Jefferson and Robb streets. These buildings, all of one-story frame construction, housed the Dallas Steam Laundry operated by A. W. Palmer; Schneider's jewelry store; and together in one building, the Dallas Trading post, Ted Bailey's barber shop and a blacksmith shop.

William White owned the buildings occupied by the laundry, trading post and barber shop. The blacksmith shop and jewelry store structure belonged to J. A. Lynch.

It was believed the fire started either in the rear of the barber shop or in the old, oil-soaked building formerly occupied by the Polk county shops.

The entire volunteer force of (Turn to page 3, col. 2)

## REBEL DEMOCRATS MAY BE PUNISHED

### Hoover Veto Also is Ahead In Move to Give Broad Powers to F.D.R.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Democratic leaders are so determined to give Franklin D. Roosevelt drastic power to economize, that party members who stand in the way may incur severe discipline.

This was made apparent today with disclosure that a record vote will be forced, if possible, at this session of the plan to give the president-elect wide authority to reorganize the government establishments. There were plain indications that those democrats who vote against it may lose their patronage, and possible also their committee standing or chairmanships if they hold any.

The intent, however, was not accompanied by any assurance that the present congress would give the next president all the power that is wanted. Senate leaders felt it had no chance against Speaker Garner expressed himself as doubtful on the point, but hoped that a compromise would be reached giving the new executive more power than is proposed in the pending economy legislation. This is attached to the treasury-postoffice bill, now passed by both branches and due to be taken up in conference today.

The republican opposition to giving the democratic president powers which they call dictatorial has been aided by several democrats not willing to go so far, and further has had the tacit support of President Hoover, so that even if congress approved, a veto might kill it.

## BILLY SUNDAY ILL; ATTACK IS SUDDEN

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Rev. W. A. "Billy" Sunday, 69, famed evangelist, was seriously ill in his hotel room here tonight after an attack of acute indigestion at a revival meeting he was conducting.

Physicians said his condition was serious.

Mr. Sunday was near the end of his sermon when he suffered the attack. Trembling and swaying on his feet, he attempted to finish the sermon.

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## FERRY IN ICE JAM

CLEVELAND, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The car ferry Ashabula, out of Port Burwell, Ont., for Ashtabula, Ohio, lay in a huge ice floe in Lake Erie tonight, with one of her crew dead, a victim of the treacherous jam.

## Allotment Bill Covers Only Wheat, Cotton Now

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Over the protest of the American farm bureau federation, the senate agriculture committee today stripped from the domestic allotment bill all products but wheat and cotton.

Shortly before, it unanimously reported the Smith cotton bill designed to cut 1933 production by enabling producers to participate in a government cotton pool in return for cutting their output 30 per cent.

The elimination of five of the seven commodities included in the allotment bill by the house was proposed by Chairman McNary (R., Ore.).

McNary also has proposed that the acreage control provisions and the sections defining "parity" between commercial and agricultural prices be stricken from the bill, but action on those points went over until next week.

## SOLONS' PAY TO STOP SOON BUT SESSION WON'T

### Houses Rush in Past Week But Only one of Major Issues is Decided

### Ways and Means Report to Come Soon, Taxation Matters Follow

By SHELDON F. SACKETT  
Next Friday, February 17, marks the end of the 40-day period of the 37th session of the legislature and while legislators must work gratis from that day until adjournment, there is small likelihood that the session will close until the week ending February 25. So many major bills are yet to be decided upon that the session may hang over until the beginning of March.

The past week saw a real spurt in legislative activity: committee reports began to flow into both houses, scores of minor bills were passed by the house and even the oratorical, slow-moving senate began to show signs of accomplishment.

Little Accomplished Upon Major Issues  
Thus far, however, only one major item on the legislative agenda has been completed: the matter of unemployment relief and that has been finished only as far as the setting up of a statewide organization and the appropriation of \$15,000 for administration. There is small chance of any other direct relief measure passing; the legislature thinks Uncle Samuel with his big R. F. C. purse will put up the real cash money needed for tens of thousands of needy people in the state, leaving the state to worry along with such problems as an unbalanced budget, shrinking taxes and the demand for lowered governmental costs.

After nightly sessions for more than a month the joint committee on ways and means is about ready to report. The voice of this committee is usually final. The Meier-Hansen budget called for \$9,339,000 for state costs in 1933-1934. All the hatching of the committee and its determination to cut the budget further will not accomplish a cut much beyond that amount. This reduction will come from an additional \$250,000 taken from higher education and the rest through minor adjustments in various department items. The 5 to 30 per cent salary slash decided upon is little at variance in net results with the original cut proposed by Hansen. Some of the operations eliminated by Hansen have been restored with slight appropriation such as that granted the state fair, the Battleship Oregon, the health board and sundry state activities.

Taxation Problems Will Follow Budget  
The legislative problems will follow quickly. The ways and means committee's report for revenue measures have been held back by committees awaiting the word of the legislative members on the audited, censured and lowest-possible state needs for 1933-1934. Since these are known they will be about the sum mentioned by Governor Meier when he called the special session — the taxation measures will start pouring out for final consideration.

The legislature seems certain to give its approval to branch banking in Oregon. The senate's vote was decisive and the amended bill which goes to the house has a quite solid support from independent and chain bank leaders. Peter Zimmerman, who hails from old Yamhill county, is determined the state should take a fling in the banking business, by setting up a bank to handle all governmental deposits but the best reports are that the Zimmerman bill is destined for death in committee. The amendments in the present banking code, proposed by A. A. Schramm, state banking superintendent, went through the senate affording and house approval is assured.

The comma, period and paragraph debate by the senate on the seven-point Thomas utility bill and the unanimous vote for the amended bill indicate the house will accept the measure without much ado. The bill, while slightly altered from the original Thomas proposal, tones it down but little. The regulation program agreed to by the legislature will be drastic enough and not of sufficient variance from the original bill to permit Thomas to make a campaign issue of utility regulation in 1934.

Prohibition Remains As Notable Issue  
"Wet" and "dry" legislation is a major item of unfinished legislative business. The house passed the Hall resolutions calling for a state vote on the state's constitutional amendments prohibiting liquor's manufacture, importation, transportation and sale. The senate by an informal poll, is said to stand 15 to 15 on the resolutions. Representative Hall inaccurately declared in sponsoring the resolutions that the state constitutional (Turn to page 3, col. 1)

## Oregon Briefs

**LIBEL CHARGES FACED**  
MEDFORD, Feb. 11.—(AP)—L. A. Banks, editor of the Medford Daily News, tonight surrendered to the sheriff, and furnished bonds in the sum of \$1000. Banks was indicted this afternoon by the grand jury on a charge of alleged criminal libel.

Leonard Hall, editor of the Jacksonville Miner, indicted for the same offense, furnished bail in the same amount shortly after the return of the true bill.

**HEART ATTACK CAUSE**  
KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Ludwig Engel, 65, former New York banker, dropped dead in his office here today. He had extensive property holdings in Klamath Falls. Death was pronounced due to a heart attack.

Besides his widow here, Engel is survived by two daughters in New York city, Mrs. Harold Altman and Miss Margaret Engel.

**SPREAD IS 44 FEET**  
ASTORIA, Feb. 11.—State police who visited Cannon Beach today reported that they found an octopus or devilfish with an arm spread of 44 feet. The octopus, which was dead, was washed up on the beach a short distance south of Hug point. Old-timers here said it was the largest fish of its kind they had ever heard of being washed up on the beaches of this district.

**BUT IS NONCOMMITAL**  
HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 11.—(AP)—Wesley Ketchell, boxer, today dispelled fears that he had been kidnaped by appearing at a hotel, smiling but noncommittal over an absence.

Reports from Portland said he left there January 24 after he had lost a bout to Young Firpo of Burke, Idaho. He was believed to have had his share of the proceeds, \$1000, on his person when he departed for his home here.

He was reported at Selma, Cal., Feb. 4, but friends said they did not see him after that date.

He was asked at the hotel where he had been, but his only reply was a smile and a shrug as he picked up his mail and set of new automobile license plates and sauntered out.

## Rival Editors Indicted Ex-Gotham Banker Dies Huge Octopus Reported Ketchell Not Kidnaped

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