Young Mental Patient Kidnaps Bride; Both Hurt in Wild Flight From Police

DENVER, Dec. 20 (AP)—Police today captured a mental hospital fugitive and his abducted teen-aged bride, and after an all-day search seized a scar-faced Indian as an accomplice.

Mike Wiegner, 16, an escaped inmate of Napa (Calif.) State Hospital, and his wife, Clo Ann Mowatt Wiegner, 17, of Daly City, Calif., both were injured when the stolen car in which they were riding crashed during a police chase through Denver streets before dawn.

A 35-year-old Sioux, Jesse Eastman, alias Red Cloud, escaped from the smashed car. He also was a fugitive from the Napa hospital.

Girl Kidnaped

Clo Ann's parents said the girl was forced at riflepoint to accompany Wiegner and Eastman when they fled from Daly City Monday.

Late this afternoon, police spotted Eastman driving eastward on the outskirts of Denver in another stolen car. He offered no resistance when his car was halted.

Eastman has been charged by the FBI in San Francisco with unlawful flight. Police said he had been under treatment at Napa hospital as an alcoholic with "suicidal tendencies."

In Denver General Hospital tonight, Wiegner and Clo Ann vowed their love for each other.

Wiegner asked detectives to "give my wife a personal message. Tell her, 'I still love you darling'".

Clo Ann replied, "You tell him I still love him, too."

She said she did not know her husband was a mental patient until after leaving Daly City with him.

Meanwhile, Webb W. Burke, head of the FBI here, said he was awaiting word from the San Francisco FBI whether to enter the "kidnaping angle" of the case.

Charges Filed

Charges have been filed in California accusing Wiegner and a "John Doe" with assault with a deadly weapon, auto theft and burglary.

Clo Ann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mowatt, arrived here by plane from Daly City tonight. The trip was financed by a collection taken up by San Francisco police and interested newspaper readers.

Eastman was halted by state patrolman Robert Meininger late today as he attempted to escape from Denver.

The Indian, unarmed except for a safety razor blade found in his stocking, apparently was not injured in the early morning car wreck.

10 Police Cars

Mr. Wiegner and Mrs. Wiegner had traveled across Nevada and Utah and were spotted early today on a North Denver street. Ten police cars took up a chase which ended when the fleeing car smashed through a wooden barrier on a dead-end street and plunged down an embankment.

Eastman fled on foot. Wiegner and his wife were taken to a hospital with multiple injuries. Both were reported in satisfactory condition late today.

Eastman, also known as Jesse Red Cloud, was said by Denver police to have been under treatment at the Napa hospital as an alcoholic with "suicidal tendencies."

"He's gun happy," Wiegner said, "and he needs money badly."

California officers said Wiegner and another man forced the girl from her parents' home at gunpoint Monday, leaving the parents tied and escaping in their car. The auto was found abandoned not far away, where the pair stole another, police said, and drove to Denver. Weigner said Clo Ann accompanied him willingly.

Early today cruising police noticed the car parked by a southwest Denver cafe, a girl sleeping in the back seat and a rifle in the front.

Suddenly two men dashed from the rear of the building, got into the car an the wild chase through the streets was on.

The fugitive car was forced into a dead-end street and hurtled into a ravine.

Wiegner and the girl reportedly first met in a San Francisco movie house and were married Nov. 13 in Montana. When they returned to California Wiegner was admitted to the Napa hospital as emotionally unstable. He was classified as incorrigible at the age of 14.

The young girl was taken to the San Mateo (Calif.) Juvenile Home but later released to her parents.

In Daly City, her mother said Clo Ann refused to leave willingly with Wiegner when he broke into the Mowatt home. "They made us lie on the floor, and they tied up by husband and me," said Mrs. Mowatt.

The parents said they thought Wiegner needed help but Mrs. Mowatt added: "We can't condone what he has done."

Ike Undecided on Type of Hat for Inauguration

WASHINGTON, Dec. (AP) — President Eisenhower hasn't let out the word yet as to what kind of hat he's going to wear for his inauguration.

"That hasn't been discussed," Robert V. Fleming, chairman of the Inaugural Committee, told reporters today.

"But I'm quite sure it's going to be a homburg—I hope it is."

Fleming recalled that Eisenhower's decision four years ago to wear a homburg—instead of the usual top hat—set off a frantic buying spree among the men.

"You couldn't find a homburg on the Eastern Seaboard," Fleming said.

Potatoes in Storage Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Agriculture Department reported today that storage stock of potatoes in the hands of growers and local dealers on Dec. 1 totaled 118,800,000 hundredweight — 13 per cent more than a year earlier.

The agency estimated that merchantable stocks were 15 per cent smaller than the total stocks.

Maine led all states with total stocks of 33,300,000 hundredweight compared with 30,000,000 a year ago. Idaho was second with 25,000,000 hundredweight compared with 23,600,000.

Cypriots Order 24-Hour Strike

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Greek Cypriot underground today called for a 24-hour general strike tomorrow to protest Britain's offer of limited self-rule to rebellious Cyprus.

The call was issued after leaders of the island colony's Greek majority and Turkish minority firmly rejected the proposed new constitution.

$1,000 Taken by Armed Bandit at Portland Store

PORTLAND, Dec. 20 (AP) —Police searched today for a man who held up a southeast Portland supermarket last night and fled with receipts estimated at more than $1,000.

James Miller, 30, the manager, said the man pointed a long-barreled revolver at him, announced it was "a stickup," and ordered him to fill a paper bag with money. The bandit obtained the contents of three cash registers and left after firing a shot into the floor.

The gunman was described as about six feet tall and from 50 to 55 years old.

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Portland Bus Firm Seeking Fare Jump

PORTLAND, Dec. 20 (AP) — Rose City Transit Co., which operates Portland's mass transportation system, today asked the City Council for fare increases.

It wants to substitute a straight 20-cents-a-ride fare for the present rate of three rides for 50 cents and $2.75 for a weekly pass. The 10-cent fare for students would not be raised.

Gen. Mgr. Raymond I. Perkins said the increases are necessary to prevent an expected operating loss of $47,000 through December and January. He said the chief reason for financial difficulties is a wage increase to bus drivers Nov. 1 and a drop of 6 per cent in passenger patronage this year from 1955.

Insects and disease kill ten times as many trees as do man-made fires, says the National Geographic Society.

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