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# KIDNAP WAVE IS GAINING FORCE

## Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**H**ADLINES—short, crisp sentences that boil down the news for you so you can get it in a hurry.

News that get in a hurry is what people want in these days.

**W**AR Declared by Government on Profiteers. So reads a headline that must have caught your eye.

That HAD to come. With the government acting deliberately to push prices up moderately to where they OUGHT TO BE, it was inevitable that there should be hogs who would try to push prices HIGHER than they ought to be.

Human nature is that way.

**H**OW to stop them? FORCE, of course. You would know that if you ever tried to stop a hog from eating more than its share of corn.

**A**NOTHER headline: "Stock Market Reaches Highest Point Since 1931."

"Further reports of widespread business improvement," the story that follows the headline says, "whipped up the enthusiasm of MILLIONS OF SPECULATORS."

**"S**PECULATORS

Is that the right word? This writer thinks not. "Gamblers" would be better.

A speculator is one whose buying and selling are guided by knowledge of market conditions, such as earnings power, cost of doing business and the existing state of supply and demand.

Gamblers buy and sell blindly on tips and hunches.

**T**HE dabbler whose orders are flooding the stock market, bringing six million share days with accompanying complaints that the present ticker equipment isn't fast enough to handle the business, are gamblers, pure and simple.

Especially simple.

**C**YNICAL second thought: That isn't quite accurate. As long as the market goes up and the dabbler makes money, they will be smart persons—not simpletons.

They will be simpletons only when the market goes down and they lose their shirts.

**P**ERHAPS you read this headline: "Naval Authorities Plan Program of Enormous Size." The program, we read further, will include building the air fleet to unprecedented strength.

**G**OOD enough.

We want to be safe, and the way to be safe is to be prepared to administer plenty of grief to anybody who tackles you with the idea of taking your wallet.

**T**HE porcupine, as you know, if you are a close observer of the wild life of this interesting country of ours, is seldom tackled without precaution.

The porcupine is amply equipped to administer plenty of grief to anybody who tackles him.

So he goes his way unbothered, attending to his own business and getting fat.

## HEAVY RANSOM SET FOR RETURN OF POLITICIANS' KIN

Quarter Million Demanded From Family of Young O'Connell—Invalid Banker Among Gangs' Hostages

By Charles Harner (Copyright, 1933, by the Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 11.—Kidnapers, operating throughout the United States, have sought at least \$500,000 from victims' families and friends in the last five months.

Here, in brief, are the kidnap demands of only the most notorious cases of the last five months:

Charles Boettcher II, Denver, Feb. 12 \$50,000  
Jerome Factor, Chicago, April 15 50,000  
Peggy McMath, Harwichport, Mass., May 2 60,000  
Mary McElroy, Kansas City, May 27 30,000  
William Hamm, St. Paul, June 15 100,000  
John Factor, Chicago, July 1 100,000  
John J. O'Connell, Jr., Albany, July 7 250,000  
August Luer, Alton, Ill., July 10 Unannounced

ALBANY, N. Y., July 11.—(AP)—Breaking a three-day silence, the kidnapers of "Young John" O'Connell, 24-year-old nephew of the up-state Democratic leader, Dan and Ed O'Connell, today sent Dan O'Connell a note calling for a new coded list of men who might serve as go betweens for them and the O'Connell family.

NEW YORK, July 11.—(AP)—Police Commissioner James Boland announced today that five New York detectives with experience in kidnap cases had been sent to Albany to work on the kidnaping of John J. O'Connell, Jr.

This announcement was made shortly after it was learned that New York police had considered the possibility of a connection between the O'Connell case and the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby and had satisfied themselves that there was no such connection.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 11.—(AP)—The belief that John J. O'Connell, 24, held under threat of death for \$250,000 ransom, was kidnaped in an act of revenge against his uncle, Ed and Dan O'Connell, Democratic leaders, was expressed in sources close to the family today as hours dragged by without word from the kidnapers.

"Because of the enormous ransom demand," one of the family advisers said, "and because the kidnapers failed to keep their promise to communicate with us yesterday, we now suspect that revenge and not the desire for ransom prompted the crime."

Messages Received.

Young O'Connell was spirited away under mysterious circumstances about 1 a. m. Friday. A series of threatening messages and demands were received Friday and Saturday by his politically powerful uncle. Then, as rumors of the kidnaping spread rapidly throughout the state, the messages abruptly ceased.

The revenge theory was advanced by a friend and advisor, who has been in closest contact with the family since the first kidnap demand and death threat were telephoned at noon Friday. Because of his connection with the case he did not wish his name mentioned.

"It might be a case of political re-

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## Valley Comptroller



Francis J. Carr, president of the Comptrollers Institute of America, has been appointed comptroller of the \$50,000,000 Tennessee valley authority. (Associated Press Photo)

## MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST EAGLE POINTER

First degree murder charges were filed this morning by the district attorney's office against Earl Hanscom, 28, of Eagle Point, as a result of the death, Sunday afternoon, of Albert Tingler, 48, also of Eagle Point, following a fight at a dance in that town Saturday night.

Hanscom, being held in the county jail here, waived preliminary hearing, and was bound over to the federal grand jury.

State police yesterday afternoon questioned Hanscom concerning the fight and he again related the story of the altercation, which resulted in Hanscom knocking Tingler down after "bitting him square in the face" several times, officers quoted him as saying.

When Tingler fell, according to Hanscom, the latter said "Now you'll leave me alone," and when Tingler didn't answer, Hanscom went on into the dance hall and danced. He was arrested by Marshall Paul Hoffman of Eagle Point at 12:20 o'clock and brought to Medford.

Hanscom had ridden to the dance with the Tingler family, police said, and they had always seemed to be the best of friends. The fight occurred over a dance with Irene Gerome of Portland who was attending the dance as the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Botta, who conduct the orchestra there. The Eagle Point dance hall is located in the town, across the street from the bank.

State police were in the Eagle Point district today checking on information concerning the fight.

## ITALIAN SEAPLANES DELAYED IN ICELAND

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, July 11.—(AP)—The departure of 24 Italian seaplanes for Cartwright, Labrador, the next hop on their flight to Chicago, was postponed today probably because of difficulties with the gasoline supply.

The airman, under the command of General Italo Balbo, returned here from Vatnagarður bay after having been ordered last night to be ready for the take-off.

## Mattern Modern Crusoe After Crash in Siberia

By STANLEY F. RICHARDSON.

MOSCOW, July 11.—(AP)—Jimmie Mattern lived the 16 days he was lost in the wilds of northern Siberia in the best Robinson Crusoe tradition.

The plane he was flying around the world crashed in a hilly spot near the Anadyr river; he suffered cuts and bruises; when his chocolate and biscuits gave out, he shot small game, and, while he awaited a boat to take him down stream, built a crude hut for protection against the cold winds.

The story was told today in a dispatch to the newspaper *Izvestia* from the Khabarovsk. Mattern flew ordered to fly from Khabarovsk to Anadyr.

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partly damaged. Mattern was hurt, but not seriously.

Hoping to get aid, he started for the river. The journey, made difficult by the hilly countryside and his ignorance of his bearings, took eight days. His food gave out after three days. Then, apparently, he made good use of the fishing tackle and rifle he had with him.

He built a house of scrub growth for the weather. It was cold, and heated by the river six days, until on June 29 fishermen in two boats passed. He heard his shouts and took him to their camp 11 miles from Anadyr. Shortly afterwards he went to the coast, and a soviet guard went to his assistance.

Mattern asked the guard to procure the motor and instruments from the plane. This was done, for the American decided to abandon it.

It was reported today that Mattern would be taken to home by Pilot Levonovsky. Russian files ordered to fly from Khabarovsk to Anadyr.

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## SCHERMERHORN LAX IN PROBING CRIME IS CLAIM

Police Head Says Sheriff Made No Investigation, Offered No Information in Ballot Burglary Case

Eight witnesses testified this morning at the trial of Suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn, charged with ballot theft, in support of the state's contention that he was around the court house before and after the ballot theft was started; that the accused official was lax, and that he attempted to establish an alibi.

Clain Lee M. Bown of the state police, in charge of the southern Oregon district, testified, in response to a defense query: "If I had been sheriff of Jackson county, I would have been much more active in the ballot robbery investigation."

Made No Investigation.

The state police official further stated that Schermerhorn, as far as he knew, conducted no investigation, tendered no information and offered no services.

Captain Bown testified that he entered the case under orders of the superintendent of state police, Chas. P. Pray, "and I understood from the superintendent it was at the suggestion of District Attorney Codding."

Under cross examination by Attorney F. J. Newman for the defense, Captain Bown admitted, "It would have been humiliating to work with Schermerhorn, but we would have gladly received any evidence he had offered."

It was not brought out by either counsel why Captain Bown considered it "humiliating." The defense questioning tended to show that Schermerhorn had asked the state police to aid.

Axe Located.

Charles Morningstar, foreman at court house, testified that about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of February 24 he found the axe used by Burley Sexton in breaking the vault window, hidden under a basement stairway.

"I told Schermerhorn," the witness testified, "that I had found the axe and had locked it in a cupboard under the elevator shaft. He told me to 'let her set' and I will report it to Jimmy O'Brien."

Morningstar testified that when he showed Schermerhorn the axe and called his attention to bits of glass in the handle, the defendant said: "It's plain to see what that axe has been used for."

Morningstar testified that he told Robert Bell, janitor of finding the axe, and that the Bell told Deputy District Attorney George W. Neilson.

Deputy Neilson testified that with Sergeant of Detectives Clyde Warren of the state police, he had gone to the stair cupboard and retrieved the axe on March 1 just about 5:30 in the afternoon. The witness said the late hour was chosen to avoid the mob of looters around the court house in those days. Sergeant Warren corroborated Neilson and Morningstar, all agreeing that the axe was recovered several days after it had been reported to Schermerhorn. Sergeant Warren testified he had been assigned to the crime by Superintendent Pray.

Neilson testified under cross examination of defense that he met Schermerhorn at the jail elevator door, when he was carrying the small crowbar used in an effort to pry open the vault window, unsuccessfully, and that Schermerhorn had said nothing.

Answer Is Stricken.

The witness said he said nothing to Schermerhorn, "because we all knew Schermerhorn knew all about the ballot robbery." A defense objection was sustained, and the answer stricken. Replied, Neilson answered, "Because we did not think it necessary."

Joe Daniels, former janitor, testified that three or four days after the vote stealing he met Schermerhorn in the Daniels apartment stop the court house and Schermerhorn said: "I see they have you on the spot down in the district attorney's office," and he asked me if I remembered seeing him three times that night, and I told him I had."

Daniels said he left Schermerhorn talking to his mother, Matron Catherine Daniels. The matron corroborated her son's testimony, but heard nothing of the conversation, except a chance mention of the name of Oliver Martin, one of the defendants.

Seen Three Times.

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## FAMILY TROUBLE STIRRED FOR FUN

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—(UP)—Police became increasingly suspicious of the repeated coincidence of domestic turmoil in which the husband or wife had been tipped that the mate was unfaithful.

In each case the letter bore the alleged signature of a friend of the spouse reported to be faithless. Two ace sleuths from headquarters were put on the case.

They arrested a man identifying himself as Otto N. Reda, former bill collector. He was quoted as confessing he had sent many unfaithful tip letters to Kansas City residents "just for the kick of it."

## ARIZONA LEGIONNAIRES WILL HEAD BIG PARADE

CHICAGO (AP)—For the third consecutive year Arizona legionnaires have won first honors for membership among all state departments of the American Legion and as a result will hold first position in the big parade at the Legion convention here next October 3.

Parade positions, as well as convention seats and housing, are determined by state membership standings based on a four-year average. Arizona is one of four departments to have exceeded 100 per cent of its four-year quota average, showing 120.93 per cent. California has 117.08, Mississippi 109.74, and Tennessee 102.90.

## CONNECTICUT PLACED AMONG WET STATES

HARTFORD, Conn., July 11.—(AP)—Connecticut today was placed in the list of states which want prohibition repealed, as 50 delegates, by unanimous vote, ratified the 21st amendment to the U. S. constitution.

The ratification made Connecticut the twelfth state to act on the resolution repealing the 18th amendment. Connecticut was one of the two states which never ratified the 18th amendment.

HONGKONG, China, July 11.—(AP)—Three Chinese warships, the *Yuean*, the *Hatung*, and the *Hai-chau*, arrived today from the north and anchored in Castle Peak bay, in Hongkong waters.

## SILVER AND DEBTS AGREED AS PARLEY DISCUSSION ITEMS

Committee Unanimous On Future Program—Smooth Progress Seen—Banking May Be Given Thought

LONDON, July 11.—(AP)—The steering committee of the world economic conference today adopted a report, providing that the parley will discuss silver and the question of indebtedness and such other subjects as sub-committees agree can be dealt with without discussion.

This course was recommended by the monetary drafting committee and action was taken by adopting this group's report.

James M. Cox of Ohio was a member of the monetary committee, which, he said before the steering committee met, had unanimously agreed on procedure for a future program.

Smooth Sailing Seen.

Prime Minister Bennett of Canada, who has vigorously supported the American delegation in efforts to keep the conference going, said at the end of the meeting, "this agreement will permit smooth progress."

Discussions might well be spread out to include subjects other than those indicated but points on which there are sharp international differences will be scrupulously avoided, the Canadian premier said.

Agreement to be effective must be unanimous, he added.

May Talk Banking.

The drafting committee indicated in its report which the conference bureau, or steering committee adopted, that in addition to silver, discussions might continue upon resolutions already approved regarding central banking co-operation and the creation of central banks in countries where they do not now exist.

In quarters close to the drafting committee, it was said that some members felt there was the possibility that in the near future the American government might take steps to prevent fluctuation of the dollar and thereby open the way for discussion of further monetary programs.

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## BASEBALL

| National   | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Boston   | 5  | 5  | 1  |
| Pittsburgh   | 3  | 8  | 0  |
| Zachary and Spohrer; Swetonic, Swift, Hoyt and Plinich.                |    |    |    |
| Brooklyn   | 2  | 7  | 2  |
| Chicago  | 6  | 7  | 0  |
| Carroll, Thurston and Lopez; Root and Hartnett.                        |    |    |    |
| Philadelphia   | 2  | 8  | 0  |
| Cincinnati   | 1  | 5  | 1  |
| Hansen and Davis; Johnson and Lombardi.                                |    |    |    |
| American   | R. | H. | E. |
| Detroit  | 1  | 6  | 1  |
| Boston   | 2  | 5  | 0  |
| Fraser and Hayworth; Weiland and Good.                                 |    |    |    |
| St. Louis  | R. | H. | E. |
| St. Louis  | 4  | 13 | 0  |
| New York   | 5  | 10 | 0  |
| Hebert, McDonald, Gray and Shes, Crouch; MacPayden, Gomez and Jorgens. |    |    |    |
| Cleveland  | R. | H. | E. |
| Cleveland  | 4  | 6  | 1  |
| Philadelphia   | 6  | 10 | 1  |
| Brown, Connally, Bean and Spencer, Myatt; Mahaffey and Cochrane.       |    |    |    |
| Chicago  | 9  | 16 | 0  |
| Washington   | 5  | 8  | 1  |
| Miller and Berry; Crowder, Russell, Berg, Weaver and Sewell.           |    |    |    |

## BREAD PRICES HIKED IN SOUTHWEST AREA

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## BEEBE AND BOY HURT IN SMASH

D. W. Beebe of Central Point, and his grandson, Everett Atkins, suffered minor injuries at 12:05 o'clock this noon in a collision with a truck driven by Charles Frank Way of Myrtle Point, on the mile south of Medford. Through the co-operation of Captain Priest of the CCC warehouse at the fairgrounds, the injured were taken to the Sacred Heart hospital in a CCC ambulance.

According to state police who investigated the accident, Beebe was reported to have lost control of his truck, as Way was making a left hand turn. The Beebe car turned over, causing injuries to Beebe's thigh and head injuries to young Atkins. Hospital attendants said the two would probably be able to return to their homes this afternoon. Both cars were traveling south when the accident occurred.

SALT LAKE CITY.—(UP)—When Tim Murphy and M. E. Christensen, residing near a railroad line, repeatedly complained to Chief of Police W. L. Payne that trains were passing their homes at great speed, shaking surrounding buildings, they were named special officers with authority to enforce speed laws.

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Will Rogers says:

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