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MAHAN HUNT TURNS TO CANADA



By PAUL MALLON
 (Copyright, June 12, 1935) — Some fairly fancy bookkeeping has been done on treasury ledgers in the past. The Republicans often were proud of the neat ways in which they made the government accounts give the best possible picture of their situation.

It is now evident they were amateurs. There has never before been a record of such an exquisite degree of perfection as has been exhibited lately.

Consider, for instance, the fact that the working balance of the treasury was increased by \$300,000,000 over a holiday recently when no money was coming in and nothing was going out. You know a treasury accountant has to be good to show a profit of more than a quarter of a billion dollars while the treasury is closed.

There appears to have been nothing particularly wrong about the transaction. What happened on the inside was that a bright treasury lad discovered that the books were carrying reserve funds of the postoffice, TVA, HOLC, FCA, and a few others in special accounts as money already spent. He found out this money was being spent slowly. Why not put it back in the treasury bill as cash on hand until the other bills drew on it?

A holiday was selected for the re-transfer. As a result, the treasury closed May 29 with only \$702,380,084.50 in the treasury cash box and opened May 31 with \$1,029,402,825.03 therein. A stroke of the pen, acting like a fairy wand, had deposited exactly \$327,022,540.53 when no one was looking.

Thus, the treasury was able to beat its breast proudly in the announcement made last Monday regarding a new offering of notes and conversion of an old one. In a technical sense, the treasury prospectus for its note issue made its cash position appear to be about 25 per cent better than it was.

The securities and exchange commission is supposed to get after any private corporation that fails to present facts accurately in its prospectus on bond issue, but there is little likelihood that it will proceed against its brother department in the new deal.

For one thing, the treasury will contend that its locus-locus was legitimate, good business. For another thing, it will say there was no connection between the ledger-debiting of May 30 and the June 15 financing. These explanations may be believed indefinitely, but business men will agree that, inasmuch as the treasury got away with it, it was "smart," and even if they had failed to, it was "smarter."

CHIEF OF G-MEN IN FIRM DENIAL KIDNAPER CAUGHT

Old Acquaintance of Fugitive Supplies Hot Tip — Butte Trail Cold—Volunteers Search for Ransom

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12.—(AP)—The hunt for possible confederates of the kidnapers of nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser shifted to British Columbia today after provincial police headquarters here received reports two of the ransom bills had been passed at Kelowna, B. C. A store-keeper reported to the police that two of the bills had been passed there.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 12.—(AP)—Frisked down the back stairs of the federal building while newspapermen awaited their arraignment in federal court, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon M. Waley, confessed kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser of Tacoma, hoped off for Tacoma in a United Airlines plane shortly before 2 p. m. mountain time today.

The Waleys, who revealed a cache of more than \$300,000 in ransom money here, were taken from the federal building where they have been held since their arrest last week, and rushed to the Salt Lake airport by department of justice men.

BUTTE, Mont., June 12.—(AP)—Search for William Mahan, fugitive ex-convict named as one of the Weyerhaeuser kidnapers, turned suddenly to Canada today on a "hot tip" from William Mahan, Great Falls, Mont., transportation executive.

Mahan, vice-president of a cab company, who has known Mahan since childhood, said the elusive, scar-faced fugitive adopted an alias similar to his name, that the true name of the hunted man is William Dainard, and that he formerly lived at Victoria, Saskatchewan, Canada. He said he believes Mahan fled there when the search for him became too hot in Montana.

Roads Patrolled. All roads to Canada, were patrolled a short time after Mahan escaped at Butte Sunday, abandoning his car and \$15,155 of the Weyerhaeuser ransom here.

Mahan said Mahan once had used his name when he was arrested on robbery charges. Another alias he used was William Ward, Mahan said.

Mahan is the son of a former Duluth, Minn., policeman, Mahan said. The family formerly lived at Gando, N. D., and in Canada.

As department of justice agents turned their search to Canada, Mahan's trail grew cold here, but a "gold rush" was on for the \$300,000 of the Weyerhaeuser ransom he may have buried in this region.

Police Chief Jerry Murphy said he believed Mahan, arrested here in 1928 (Continued on Page Four.)

GRANGE MASTER ISSUES WARNING ON LOST IDEALS
 MEMPHISVILLE, Ore., June 12.—(AP)—Lewis J. Taber, master of the National Grange, told delegates to the Oregon state Grange convention here today that Americans are facing a drought "even more serious than lack of rain."

Taber pointed to a social drought, under which he declared people are lacking home-made fun and entertainment; a drought of wisdom in which he asserted common sense has been superceded; a lack of co-operative spirit; a drought of pioneering spirit; an "economic menace wherein banks have failed, businesses have floundered and homes have been lost," and a patriotic and spiritual drought.

"There is more doubt now than at any time since the fall of the Roman empire," the grange master declared. "Western civilization stands at the most pronounced crossroads in 19 centuries."

Women of Empire Win Civic Battle Against Sawmill

EMPIRE, Ore., June 12.—(AP)—History repeated itself somewhat in Empire this week when the women of the town won another civic welfare battle—this time over an open burner at a local lumber company.

On demands of the female population, the city council ordered the burner removed in 30 days. The women complained the constant fire kept babies awake, made insurance rates higher, withered gardens and besmudged the Monday washing.

A score of years ago Empire women succeeded in having the council bar untied cows from the city limits after a lengthy argument.

ANNOUNCE WINNER SEWAGE DISPOSAL JOB ON THURSDAY

Bids on the contract for the Medford sewage disposal plant were opened this morning in the council chamber of the city hall, with six firms having submitted bids. They included the R. I. Stuart and Sons company of Medford, Warren Northwest, Inc., of Portland, Dunn and Baker of Klamath Falls, Fred J. Early, Jr., of San Francisco, Hoffman Construction Co. of Portland, and the Parker-Schramm Co. of Portland.

Although the list of plans and specifications was taken out by the Mountain States Construction Co. of Eugene, that firm did not submit a bid. The bids had all been opened by 11:30 this morning, with C. C. Hickey, state PWA head, in charge of the meeting. City and PWA engineers, and the consulting engineer, began work immediately on tabulating the bids submitted.

A special meeting of the city council has been called for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the contract will be awarded at that time. Bids for equipment have been submitted by special contractors to the six general contractors, and only one bid, encompassing all details in the project, will be awarded, according to City Superintendent Fred Scheffel.

Girl Singers May Get Chance With Dance Orchestra

A novel contest will be staged by the new proprietors of the Dreamland dance hall in this city to find talent among young women of this city. This contest will begin Wednesday, June 19, when girl contestants will sing with George Dayton's orchestra and the winner of the competition over a period of a few weeks will be given a permanent position with this well known orchestra, according to an announcement by H. G. McClure, Mr. McClure and J. C. ("Bobby") Burns are now managing Dreamland hall.

The contestants will be judged on their singing, dress and stage personality, and the winner will have an opportunity to travel with George Dayton's band when it visits other cities on the Pacific coast.

Registration for this contest can be made at this evening's dance at Dreamland, or any other time before the opening of the contest at the Domino cafe in the Childers building.

Income Shares

Quarterly income shares, 1.32 bid; asked 1.46.
 Mrs. Shepard Visits — Mrs. Emma Shepard of Valentine, Neb., is visiting here this week with her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Moore.

PEACE ASSURANCE NEEDED BY WORLD F. R. TELLS CADETS

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt boarded a special train here shortly after noon today, after addressing the graduating class of West Point, to return to Washington.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt called for an "assurance of permanent peace" before the graduating class of the United States military academy and the high command of the army of these historic grounds today.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke from a stand at the base of Battle Monument at Trophy Point overlooking the green-covered banks of the Hudson river. Proposing peace to the uniformed men before him, the president also announced his approval of legislation to increase the military force because of a conviction that the army had been reduced "to a level unjustified by a due regard to our own safety."

Mutual Understanding Basis. "The greatest need of the world today," he said, "is the assurance of permanent peace, an assurance based on mutual understanding and mutual regard."

His home here by motor from his riding at Hyde Park, N. Y., the president was greeted with the 21-gun salute.

PARKS SEEK COIN FROM RELIEF FUND

WASHINGTON, June 12.—(AP)—Asking for \$3,444,132 from the work relief fund for a survey of the nation's recreational needs, the national park service estimated today that it would provide jobs for 4666 persons, including 3872 semi-skilled laborers.

MEDFORD PEAR-A-DISE OF PACIFIC IS SLOGAN

"Medford, the pear-a-dise of the Pacific." Was a catchy slogan. If ever there was one, thinks the publicity committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, for they officially adopted it yesterday. The slogan was the thought of Mrs. R. E. Blankenberg of Gold Hill, whose husband is a member of the chamber, and actively serving on the publicity committee.

The new slogan will be widely publicized, and employed on all material sent out from the chamber of commerce.

Will Ask Death



If the kidnapers of George Weyerhaeuser are prosecuted in Tacoma under Washington laws, Prosecutor Harry H. Johnston (above) will ask the death penalty. (Associated Press Photo)

TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW PROSPERITY BACK IN COUNTY

Taxes collected in Jackson county by the tax collection department of the sheriff's office from January 1 to June 1 total \$626,116.20. This figure includes current and delinquent taxes. Collection of current 1935 taxes, for the five-month period, amounted to \$473,383.40, an increase of 20 per cent over the same period in 1934, when \$451,522 was paid. This is regarded as a healthy sign of returning confidence in the valley.

LEGION DART GAMES OPENED FOR PUBLIC

The American Legion "Dart Game" room in the building occupied by the Marsh grocery store opened to a fair sized crowd last night. The game is played in much the same way as is the old time "Beano" game, with darts to be thrown into numbered squares. Merchandise orders are given to those who fill out their cards first.

The game has achieved remarkable favor in those places where it has been established. American Legion officials declare.

At the present time the game room, which easily accommodates 80 people, is under the direction of Earl Foy and Herb Strang. Proceeds are to go toward relief, and the building of a new American Legion club house here.

ICEMAN LIVES NEXT TO KIDNAPERS' LAIR

Elmer Kawthon (left), living next door to the George Weyerhaeuser kidnap house (right) in Spokane, Wash., identified pictures of Harmon Waley, arrested in Salt Lake City, and William Mahan, fugitive, as occupants of the house at the time the nine-year-old Tacoma, Wash., boy was held captive in eastern Washington. (Associated Press Photo)

KIDNAPER'S BRIDE CLAIMS ATTORNEY THREATENED HER

Clara Feldman First Witness to Show Entry of Ben Laska in Alleged Urschel Kidnaping Plot

The arrest of Mrs. Clara Feldman and Edward Feldman followed shortly the discovery on November 8, 1934, of approximately \$8000 of the Urschel ransom money buried in quart jars in the yard of the Alvin H. Scott place on South Peach street of this city. The arrests were made in northern California after federal agents and state police had spent weeks searching the Scott place for ransom money and clues leading to possible capture of the kidnap gang. The hunt centered in southern Oregon soon after Scott was arrested for possession of ransom money near Roseburg when he was critically injured in an auto crash.

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Clara Feldman testified in federal court today Ben A. Laska threatened her with death unless she carried out his instructions in the disposal of her convicted kidnaper husband's share of the \$200,000 Charles F. Urschel ransom.

Mrs. Feldman, whose honeymoon with Albert Bates, the convicted kidnaper, was cut short by his arrest, was the first witness the government has introduced to show the entry of Laska into the alleged kidnaping conspiracy.

She made the accusation on cross-examination by Laska, whose theatrical courtroom demeanor drew the fire of Federal Judge Edgar S. Vaughn several times during the examination.

Repeats Accusation. Leading up to the question after he drew from the witness details of his alleged part in the concealment of Bates' \$70,000 share in the Urschel ransom, Laska suddenly shouted: "I didn't say to you that I'd cut your throat, as the government has tried to show, did I?"

"Yes, you did," Mrs. Feldman replied. "You said to me that if I didn't take your instructions you'd have my throat cut."

"You took my instructions when you went to Chicago, didn't you?" Laska asked. He referred to a trip made to that city by Mrs. Feldman and her son, Edward, to which she previously had testified on direct examination.

"Mrs. Feldman replied. "You took my instructions in going to Oregon, too, didn't you?" Laska continued, referring to another trip Mrs. Feldman said she made while seeking to avoid apprehension with the ransom cash.

"No," she returned. "What?" Laska shouted, rising to his feet and waving his arms. "You mean to tell me you didn't take instructions when you went to Oregon?"

"No," came the answer. "And yet you were in terror of your life. You were afraid of me?" he continued.

"Yes, I was afraid," was her reply. "How many times had you seen me?" Laska queried. "Once, when I went to your home in Denver."

"And yet, after seeing me once, you became so impressed with my virtue that you lived in terror of me for months," Laska went on, his voice raising.

"Mrs. Feldman, Laska inquired in his first question, 'you never gave me any money, did you?'"

"No," was the answer.

Throughout the answer, Urschel has been an interested spectator.

During the questioning of Mrs. Feldman by Frank Dudley, assistant U. S. district attorney, Urschel watched Laska closely.

James C. Mathers, youthful Oklahoma City attorney, who is Laska's co-defendant, watched the proceedings with interest.

Mathers is accused of receiving \$1,000 from Laska as his fee for his part in defending Harvey Bailey, convicted pal of Bates.

Married in Denver. Mrs. Feldman testified her home was in Tacoma, Wash., and that she went to Denver in September, 1932 for the first time.

It was there, she said, that she became the wife of Bates, alias George L. Davis, a man she believed to be a carnival worker.

"When did you marry him?" Dudley asked.

"May 15, 1933," she replied.

She testified she and her son, Edward, went to Portland, Oregon, on July 17, 1933, and did not see Bates again until the morning of August 19, 1933. It was on July 22, 1933, that Urschel was kidnaped.

Bates arrived at her Denver apartment early on the morning of August 10, she said, carrying two bags, one of which was later discovered to contain his share of the Urschel ransom.

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BASEBALL

American.

First game:	R. H. E.
New York	11 15 0
St. Louis	4 7 0

Batteries: Gomen and Dickey, Jorgens; Coffman, Welland, Andrews, Heath, VanAtta and Hemley.

R. H. E.	
Boston	1 3 0
Detroit	4 9 0
Philadelphia	2 3 1
Washington	7 13 1

Batteries: Welch, Walberg and Ferrrell; Rowe and Cochrane.

SHOTGUN ARTISTS OPEN COMPETITION HERE TOMORROW

Over 200 Entered in State Shoot—Gun Club Grounds Scene of Brisk Activity in Preparation Today

National.

First game:	R. H. E.
St. Louis	8 11 1
Boston	6 10 2

Batteries: Haines, Hueser, J. Dean and Davis; Brandt and Hogan.

R. H. E.	
St. Louis	8 11 0
Boston	4 7 0
Philadelphia	11 13 0
Chicago	15 16 1
Philadelphia	10 5 4

Batteries: French and O'Dea; Bivin, Pezzulo, Davis and Todd.

Second game:

R. H. E.	
Chicago	8 10 3
Philadelphia	11 13 0

Batteries: Carlton, Henshaw, French and Hartnett; Walters, Prim, Dietrich, Johnson and Wilson.

Third game:

R. H. E.	
Pittsburg	7 13 0
Brooklyn	3 8 1

Batteries: Lucas, Birkhofer and Grace; Leonard, Bish, Munns and Lopez.

Fourth game:

R. H. E.	
Cincinnati	4 8 1
New York	10 16 0

Batteries: Durringer, Johnson and Lombardi; Herring and Danning.

TWO BOYS JAILED FOR RUNNING OFF WITH SCRIBE'S CAR

George L. Roberts, 20, New York state, and Floyd Sheppard, 18, an escapee from the Oregon training school at Woodburn, are in the Ashland city jail today, charged with theft of an automobile. According to police they have confessed that last night they stole the coupe of Dean Pieper, Medford News reporter, while it was parked just off Main street in the vacant lot west of Front street.

According to the alleged confession to Charles Talent, Ashland chief of police, the two were arrested by Ashland city officer, Pat Dunn, at 2 o'clock this morning, while in the act of siphoning gasoline from one auto to refuel a second stolen car in which they were riding, a model T Ford.

The Ashland report shows that the two stayed in the Medford transient camp on the night of June 10, and had been hanging around the streets of Medford since then. Last night the two decided to steal a car, the police said, choosing a Ford V-8 parked on Main street, and unlocked. The Ford had very little gas in it, however, and the two decided upon Pieper's car, parked nearby. This machine took them as far as the vicinity of the Jackson Hot Springs, and then ran out of gas. They pushed it to the side of the road, and walked into Ashland. There they tried seven cars, finding them all locked, before coming upon a model A Ford, unlocked and with plenty of gas. They could not start this car, however, pushing it downhill for several blocks in an effort to do so. They then found the model T, but this car had no gas.

It was while they were preparing to take the gasoline from the model A that the Ashland crowd picked them up, Talent stated.

Talent stated that the two would probably be turned over to the sheriff's office here, and held in the county jail for the circuit court, and action by the grand jury.

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\$6304 SPENT FOR RELIEF IN MAY

Relief expenditures in Jackson county for the month of May totaled \$6,304.28, according to figures prepared by the county clerk's office. It is described as an average monthly expenditure for relief. Expenditures to date are well within the budget. The total for the year, to June 1, is \$23,864.

May relief allotments were as follows:

Hospitalization	\$1,524.58
Miscellaneous relief	1,042.83
Burials	80.00
Regular indigents	1,332.29
Old-age pensions	2,291.17
Indigent soldiers	33.58

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 11.—Hope nobody don't appeal this kidnaping case to the supreme court, for it certainly interferes with state rights, and as they have just decided the federal government has no more standing than Santa Claus, why, they might make 'em turn 'em loose.

It kinder shows that the government can do something. They ought to turn all crime over to 'em and take it out of local politics, but all they want to do to find out who the criminal is nowadays, just find the one that's been pardoned the most times. These two guys seemed to just have made one night stands out of all the jails in the northwest.

Will Rogers
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