

MATTSON KIDNAP STILL HOT ISSUE FOR FBI AGENTS

J. Edgar Hoover Reveals Relentless Search Going on; 500 Suspects Are Listed.

By Jack Beardwood
Tacoma, Dec. 8.—(P)—Breaking a long silence on the nation's most enigmatic and fiendish kidnaping, J. Edgar Hoover, federal bureau of investigation director, revealed today the FBI still lists 500 suspects of the Charles Mattson abduction-slaying.

And, he declared, his department never will relax its relentless search for the kidnaper of the Mattson boy nor the killers of Peter David Levine, New York state's youthful 1938 kidnaping victim.

Hoover, replying to questions on the Mattson case submitted to him by the Associated Press, said agents are still specifically assigned to the almost three-year-long quest for the man who kidnaped the 10-year old son of a prominent Tacoma doctor and left the boy's mutilated body in a snow-covered thicket near Everett, Wash.

500 Suspects Remain
"Since the abduction of Charles Fletcher Mattson on Dec. 27, 1936," Hoover wrote from Washington, D. C., "a total of 22,700 suspects have been reported to the bureau and all but 500 have been eliminated.

A special squad of agents is still working on this case, covering every possible lead. To date, fingerprint experts have examined over six million fingerprint cards in an effort to secure the identifying data which might lead to the identification of the kidnaper."

Pointing out all but two kidnapings have been "completely solved" of a total of 189 cases investigated since passage of the federal kidnaping act in 1932, Hoover wrote:

"The two unsolved cases involving Charles Fletcher Mattson and Peter David Levine, who was abducted on the evening of February 24, 1938, near New Rochelle, New York, will never be closed until the identity of the wrong-doers has been established and they have been brought to justice."

Agents are working quietly in Tacoma. Periodically reports seep out of the courthouse that "the Mattson children are looking over another suspect." Identity of the agents is kept secret.

Children Hold Key
Key figures in attempts to identify the dark, heavy-bearded man who abducted the child are the two Mattson children, William, now 18, and Muriel, 16, and Virginia Chatfield, 17, of Seattle.

They got a glimpse of the abductor when Charles was taken from the Mattson home. Miss Chatfield was a house guest at the time.

The poster issued in an effort to catch the kidnaper has resulted in the huge number of suspects. An artist composed the abductor's picture from description of the three children supplied. One transient was arrested so many times he secured an affidavit signed by several police officials testifying "this man has been investigated in connection with the Mattson case."

Dr. Charles Mattson continues to carry on a brisk medical practice. Mrs. Mattson has aged considerably since her youngest child was kidnaped.

The FBI's official reward for information leading to the kidnaper's arrest has been withdrawn. Several other rewards, including one by the state of Washington, are still offered.

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LOCAL TALENT TO GIVE FOUR PLAYS ON SAME EVENING

Bowmer Casting For Unique Series On Holly Stage—Actors Named Soon.

Something unique and entirely new is in store for southern Oregon playgoers when Angus L. Bowmer, well known drama director and actor, presents "First Night" at the Holly theater, January 19.

"First Night" is composed of four one act plays of diversified nature. Two of the plays were written by Mr. Bowmer and will be seen here for the first time. They are "Without Romance?" and "Rogue Rest". The former has to do with the question of whether or not a romantic nature is a handicap to an actor and is the story of how a successful leading man and his daughter answer the question, each in their own way. The play comprises only two characters.

"Rogue Rest," a rather risque comedy, involves a honeymooning couple. Complications arise from the presence of the girl's mother and father and scene of the event is a summer cabin on the Rogue River.

For the third play in "First Night", Mr. Bowmer selected Schnitzler's "The Farewell Supper" in which the lead is a sophisticated young Viennese. Two others complete this cast.

Final production is "The Drums of Oude" by Austin Strong. This is a melodrama about an uprising in India in which cities burn and throats are cut but the British army and love emerge triumphant. Eight characters appear.

Local talent will make up the casts which will be announced early next week by Mr. Bowmer. Tryouts were held Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

ICKES DOUBTS IF F. R. HAS EVER INDICATED SUPPORT FOR McNUTT

Washington, Dec. 8.—(P)—Secretary Ickes told his press conference today he did not believe President Roosevelt had ever indicated he would support Paul V. McNutt of Indiana for the presidential nomination next year.

"I don't think the president has indicated he would select Mr. McNutt," Ickes said, "I, personally, have not heard that he intended to do, and I don't believe that Mr. McNutt has ever said anything to that effect."

Ickes said he believed now, as he said he always had, that Mr. Roosevelt was the only choice of the liberal element for president in 1940.

"Of course," he said, "I don't know whether he will run. I don't know anyone who can speak for him."

Ickes said in reply to a question that the bid made Wednesday night in Minneapolis, Minn., by Thomas Dewey, New York district attorney, for the republican presidential nomination, was "baby talk."

FREIGHTERS CRASH IN PEA SOUP FOG

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—(P)—Loss of the 5,989-ton British freighter Manchester Regiment with an unannounced number

of her crew and of the 4,607-ton British freighter Chancellor in collisions at sea was disclosed today with arrival here of survivors.

Both collisions occurred in "pea soup" fogs. The Manchester Regiment was rammed Monday by the 14,118-ton British passenger liner Oropesa, crew members said as they reached here aboard the Oropesa.

The Oropesa also brought 42

members of the Chancellor's crew. The Chancellor went down Saturday after being rammed by the British tanker Athelchief and her crew were aboard the Oropesa when the Manchester Regiment was struck.

52nd Fatality.
Portland, Dec. 8.—(P)—Portland listed its 52nd traffic fatality of the year today with the death of George Clark, 76, who was struck by an automobile November 28.

SEARS, ROEBUCK SALES LARGEST IN HISTORY

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(P)—Sears, Roebuck and company reported today sales for the 11th period of its fiscal year—November 6 to December 3, totaled \$56,426,119, largest for the period in the company's history. The sales ex-

ceeded those of the like 1938 period by \$7,161,497, or 14.5 percent. Sales for the 11 periods aggregated \$543,180,472, compared with \$442,810,768 in the corresponding periods a year ago, an increase of \$100,369,704, or 22.7 percent.

DEER CREEK GRANGE WINS PROGRAM PRIZE
Grants Pass, Dec. 8.—(P)—Mrs. C. H. Brooks, lecturer of

the Deer Creek Grange, was notified today by National Lecturer James C. Farmer of Keene, N. H., that she and her grange have been awarded a medal for the best booster night program of all Oregon units under 200 members.

RADISH SEED RAISERS FAIL TO MAKE PROFIT
Grants Pass, Dec. 8.—(P)—Radish seed raised here the past summer for test purposes failed

to bring any appreciable profit. County Agent O. K. Beals said today.

He blamed the difficulty on mistakes in threshing, and said the farmers want to experiment again next year.

Hillcrest, Alberta (U.P.)—When all eight sons of Mrs. Elizabeth Rees enlisted in various military services for the war, she concealed her emotions and remarked: "Perhaps they wanted to get away from my cooking."

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- Oranges, med. 200s.....2 doz. 29c
- Oranges, 286s.....2 doz. 19c
- Arizona Grapefruit, 80s.....6 for 15c
- Calavos, large ripe.....2 for 19c
- Fresh Limes.....carton 25c

Tomorrow and Monday ONLY 2 DAYS LEFT OF THE CARLOT SALE OF GOLD BAR CANNED FOODS

- Gold Bar Fcy. Cut Beans, No. 2 can, 3 for 36c
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- Silver Bar Sugar Peas (4 sieve) No. 2 can.....3 for 33c
- Gold Bar Kadota Figs, No. 1 tall can.....3 for 39c
- Gold Bar Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 tall can.....3 for 37c
- Gold Bar Seedless Grapes, No. 1 tall can.....3 for 30c
- Gold Bar Sliced Pineapple or Chunklets, No. 1 1/4 can.....3 for 30c
- Gold Bar Tuna Fish, No. 1/2 can.....3 for 45c
- Woods Lima Beans, ham flavor... 3 cans 25c
- Blue Plate Shrimp, wet or dry pack 2 cans 25c
- Elbow Cut Macaroni.....3 lbs. 13c
- Gold Bar Coffee... 1 lb. 23c 2 lb. can 45c
- Z-Mor-U Coffee, four grinds lb. 23c, 2 lbs. 45c
- Life Buoy Soap.....3 bars 17c
- Lux Toilet Soap.....3 bars 17c
- Lux Flakes, large pkg.....22c
- Rinso, jumbo pkg.....53c
- Spry, 3 lb. can.....50c
- Zee Toilet Tissue, choice of color... 5 rolls 20c
- Krispy Crackers.....2 lb. box 27c
- Boraxo.....2 cans 25c
- Sperry Pancake Flour.....4 lb. sack 25c
- Bisquick, reg. or whole wheat, 20 oz. pkg. 15c
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- lb.
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- lb.
- Swift's Circle S Picnics 19c
- lb.
- Hormel's Minnesota 19c
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- Ground Ham and Veal 20c
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