

JEWISH REFUGEE CLAIMS JEWELRY WAS STOLEN HERE

\$1,000 Worth of Valuables Taken From Room in Hotel Says Miss Merzback.

City police were today investigating the charge of 31-year-old Hilda Merzback, who, they say, claims to be a Jewish refugee from Germany, that her room in a local hotel was entered early Thursday morning and jewelry she valued at approximately \$1,000 was stolen.

Miss Merzback, a traveling representative of the International School of Commerce in Chicago, told police that stolen from her black patent leather purse while she slept were a white gold diamond ring valued at between \$400 and \$500, a white gold ring with a pearl setting valued at \$350 and a small wristwatch with a gold band valued at \$150.

Miss Merzback, who told police she had contacted almost 100 persons here in the interest of home study courses in higher accountancy, explained that she retired for the night about 11

p. m. Wednesday. Unable to sleep, she told police, she took a sleeping tablet about 1:00 a. m. and when she awakened about 7:00 a. m. Thursday the purse containing the jewelry was gone from her room.

A maid in the hotel, later in the morning, found the purse in a lavatory on the same floor, the fourth, as Miss Merzback's room. Although the rings and watch were missing from the purse, \$70 worth of American Express company traveler's checks and personal papers had not been disturbed. Miss Merzback told police that about \$9 in currency and \$1 in silver also was missing from the purse.

Police stated that Miss Merzback couldn't recall whether she had locked her hotel room door before retiring. It was unlocked when she awakened, police said Miss Merzback related.

R. S. Farrar, clerk of the hotel, and Jimmy Murphy, a bellboy, were questioned by police and both were certain that nobody used the hotel stairways between 1:00 a. m. and 7:00 a. m. Thursday, and that only guests were taken up in the elevator.

Police quoted Miss Merzback as stating that she left Germany in 1933, the year Hitler came to power, and lived in England until 1938, when she came to the United States. She arrived in Medford Sunday and left for Seattle this morning. She told police the jewelry was insured at about one-third its value.

Closing time for 100 Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

America's Top Beauties



Frances Marie Burke, 19, Philadelphia model, beams between two top ranking contestants after being chosen "Miss America" of 1940 at the annual pageant at Atlantic City, N. J. With her are Rosemary LaPlanche, 18, "Miss California," runner-up, and Monnie Drake, 20, "Miss Michigan," who placed third.

RETAIL SALES REACH NEW HIGH-LEVELS IN SOME SECTORS OF U.S.

New York, Sept. 13.—(AP)—A continuation of favorable business trends throughout the last week was reported today by Dun & Bradstreet, in its weekly trade review.

"Retail buying," said the mercantile agency, "maintained its accelerated pace and in some regions touched a new high for the current season."

"Retail sales for the whole country were estimated to be 10 per cent higher than in 1939; last week the year-to-year margin was between 6 and 13 per cent."

"Industrial production also gave a good account of itself, rising more than seasonally to the peak level of the year so far. Wholesale and industrial ordering was not quite so active as in the previous week, but trading continued to show some liberalization of purchasing policies compared with a few weeks ago."

"Purchasing at retail continues vigorous. Reports from all sections of the country reveal a spirit of optimism among consumers."

"Wholesale turnover reflects the recent expansion in retail trade not only through exceptionally heavy reorder activity but also in an increase of stock commitments."

Portland Produce

Portland, Sept. 13.—(P)—Butter, butters, cheese, eggs, country meats, live poultry, dressed turkeys, onions, peas, potatoes, hay, wool unchanged.

Portland Wheat

Portland, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Grain: Wheat: Open High Low Close Sept. 73 73 73 73

Cash grain: Oats—No. 2, 38-lb. white \$23.75. Barley—No. 2, 45-lb. B. W. \$21.00. Cash wheat (bid):

Soft white 72½; western white 72½; western red 72. Hard red winter: Ordinary 71½; 13 per cent 71½; 12 per cent 71½; 13 per cent 75c.

Hard white-beart: 12 per cent 72½; 13 per cent 80½; 14 per cent 82½c.

Today's car receipts: Wheat 84; barley 3; flour 12; corn 0; oats 1; hay 2; milled 6.

Chicago Wheat

Chicago, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Wheat: Open High Low Close Sept. 74½ 74½ 74½ 74½

Dec. 76½ 76½ 76½ 76½ May 76½ 77½ 76½ 76½

Wall St. Reports

New York, Sept. 13.—(P)—Baffled by the inconclusive status of the war for England, traders generally stood aside in today's stock market, permitting leaders to drift either way by fractions.

So tenuous was the trading range that only about 250,000 shares changed hands during the entire session.

On the stronger side were U. S. Steel and Youngstown, Douglas and United Aircraft, Allied Chemical and Dow Chemical, American Smelting and Anaconda, Standard Oil of N. J. and Texas, Corp., New York Central and Santa Fe.

Today's closing prices for 34 selected stocks follow:

Al. Chem. & Dye	152
Am. Can.	94½
A. T. & T.	160½
Anaconda	20½
Atch. T. & S. F.	13½
Bend. Avia.	30
Bethlehem Steel	76½
Caterpillar Tract.	unquoted
Chrysler	78½
Curtiss-Wright	72½
Douglas Aircraft	73½
DuPont	103½
Gen. Electric	32½
Gen. Foods	39½
Gen. Motors	46½
Int. Harvester	43½
Johns-Manville	65
Kennecott	27½
Monty Ward	39
No. Amn. Avn.	18½
North Amer.	18½
Pennay (J. C.)	86½
Penna. R. R.	20½
Phillips Pet.	33½
Radio	4½
Southern Pacific	8½

Fern Valley

Fern Valley, Sept. 13.—(Sp.)—Fern Valley school opened Monday with an enrollment of thirty-four pupils. It is the largest enrollment since just after the district was formed. Miss Smith is the teacher.

S. R. Morris of Ashland called on friends in Fern Valley Sunday. Allan Busby has returned home after four years of training in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Hammond of Klamath Falls and Junior Hammond of Medford were guests at the L. H. Hughes home Sunday. Junior accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Hammond to Klamath Falls where he will attend school.

Mrs. Margery Cox of Los Angeles, who is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Marshall, had as dinner guests Saturday a girl friend and her two small children from Medford.

Mrs. Dora Phillips of Ashland and son Fay Phillips of San Francisco, who is visiting at the home of his mother, were business callers in Fern Valley Tuesday.

Gold Hill

Gold Hill, Sept. 13.—(Sp.)—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cotty and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gladding of Oakland, Cal., are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Parker.

Mrs. Ida Frederickson of Wheeler, Ore., is visiting her nephew Calvin Sargent and family and also friends here.

Mrs. Olaf Lokken of Seattle is visiting her mother, Mrs. Celia Wise and Mr. Wise.

Burt Stevenson of Grants Pass is doing remodeling work on the exterior of the Earl Moore home.

Harry White of Rogue River was a business visitor here on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown and daughter Orma Brown of Encinitas, Cal., are guests this week of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Paul Holderness and family.

Mrs. Floyd Lance and son Bobby returned to their home in Trinity Center, Cal., Thursday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cook, who will spend several days visiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Parker of the Gold Hill Auto Park left Thursday for a 10-day vacation trip to Pendleton, Portland and other points north. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cotty and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gladding of Oakland.

Fast Noble Grand club met September 12 at I. O. O. F. hall with 11 members, this being the first meeting since last spring. Many plans were made for the coming district convention to be held here on November 2. Next meeting will be held at the hall also, and each member is requested to bring a covered dish for a 1 o'clock lunch. This meeting will be September 26 and all past noble grand are urged to attend.

Mrs. Wm. Musty and daughter Eunice of Central Point were dinner guests Thursday of Mrs. Musty's daughter, Mrs. Ruth Lewis and family.

Honoring the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Taylor, a hamburger fry was held September 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gray on Rogue river. A set of dishes was presented the honored guests. Present were Mr. and Mrs. L. Dike of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pinkerton and Mrs. Pinkerton's brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Howes and Edith, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Pines, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray and Mrs. Mary Mattson and the honored guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor and mother, Mrs. E. C. Pines, returned home last week from a two-week visit with relatives in Portland. They had accompanied Mrs. Clara Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hallahan home after the latter had visited at the Pines home.

How About Pins? New York.—(P)—The barter theater of Abingdon, Va., which accepts farm produce for tickets, isn't strictly a new idea. The Story of the British Empire, distributed in this country by the British library of information, says: "Some years ago when a traveling cinematographic show toured Fiji it took payment in coconuts."

LIVESTOCK

Portland, Sept. 13.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 350; market 10c or more lower than Thursday's average; good-choice 170 to 215-lb. drive-ins mostly \$7.00; outstanding kinds to \$7.15; 230 to 255-lb. butchers \$6.25 to \$6.50; few light lights \$6.25; packing sows \$4.50 to \$5.00; good-choice light feeder pigs salable \$6.00 to \$5.50.

Cattle: 150; calves salable none, total 25; market mostly steady; some cleanup sales weak to lower; few grass steers \$7.00 to \$8.50; week's top grassers \$10.00; best light grain-fed steers \$11.00; canner-common heifers \$5.00 to \$6.75; few medium heifers \$7.75; canner common cows \$4.00 to \$5.25; odd head good beef cows to \$6.75; few bulls \$6.25 to \$7.25; good-choice vealers quotable \$10.00 to \$11.00.

Sheep: 1000; one lot good-choice 88-lb. trucked-in lambs steady at \$6.00; carloads salable to \$6.25; odd head feeder lambs \$7.00; good ewes \$3.00 to \$3.25.

South San Francisco, Sept. 13.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 150; around 10c lower; about load and half 185 to 225-lb. California \$7.50, with overweights at \$7.00; packing sows nominally \$4.75 down.

Cattle: 25; steers absent, nominally steady; medium to good quoted \$8.85 to \$9.50; load lots heifers absent; packing 548-lb. heifer calves \$8.75; run consists largely dairy cows; few 1,033-lb. cows \$5.50, sorted 850-lb. averages at \$4.75; odd head canners \$4.00; looks strong with week's advance; bulls firm; few head 1,225 to 1,255-lb. \$6.25 to \$6.50; better kinds quoted \$7.50; calves salable 30; good to choice vealers absent, quoted \$10.50 to \$11.50; about 20 head good 420-lb. calves \$9.75; sorted 4 head \$9.00.

Sheep: 30; fat lambs absent, quoted nominally at \$9.00 to \$9.25 late yesterday; deck medium ewes \$2.75.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—(AP-USA)—Hogs: 8,000; market slow, generally 15 to 25c lower than Thursday's average, closing at full decline; top \$6.85; bulk good and choice 200 to 240-lb. \$6.35 to \$6.80; 240 to 270-lb. \$6.50 to \$7.50; some 270 to 320-lb. butchers \$6.25 to \$6.60; heavier weights \$5.75 to \$6.15; smooth 300 to 360-lb. packing sows \$5.75 to \$6.10; most 360 to 450-lb. \$5.25 to \$5.85.

Cattle: 800; calves 200; medium and good grade steers \$9.50 to \$11.65; load; 1,097-lb. long yearlings \$12.25; few loads and lots common and medium grassy heifers and short feds slow; weak at \$10.00 downward to around \$6.00; bulls and vealers steady at \$7.15 and \$12.50 down respectively.

Sheep: 7,000; all classes steady; closely sorted heavyweights western spring lambs \$9.50; bulk good and choice lots \$9.15 to \$9.25; best natives \$9.25; bulk small lots \$9.00 to \$9.15; yearlings \$7.75; best ewes \$4.00; bulk mixed native lots \$3.00 to \$3.75.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—(P)—Butter, eggs and cheese unchanged.

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