

PATH CLEARED FOR KIDNAPER OF BOY, AGE 10

Assurance Repeated In Ad At Seattle

The family of kidnaped Charles Mattson, of Tacoma, Washington, has cleared a path again for dealings with his abductor and indicated it was expecting momentarily a development—possibly payment of the \$28,000 ransom or release of the 10-year old boy.

Certain officials conceded guardedly they were looking for a "break" at any minute.

The government's carefully concealed army of manhunters apparently continued to keep its hands off the case in accordance with the plea of the father, Dr. W. W. Mattson.

Reappearance of a personal advertisement offered the abductor assurance the family had received his messages and that "channels are entirely clear."

The prevailing opinion was that a satisfactory contact had been made with the abductor who broke into the Mattson home Sunday, December 27, and carried the boy away from the room where he was talking with his brother and sister and her girl chum.

Circumstances of the Mattson case indicated the kidnaper received a thorough "schooling" in the business from studying the George Weyerhaeuser kidnaping in Tacoma in May and June, 1935. He used even greater precautions than William Mahan and his companions, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Metz Whaley, all of whom are serving long prison terms.

Deaths: Mrs. David H. Shirley, John Hopkins approves at Washington, asks to have pier Highway No. 31 removed. Aufferman May 4. Deaths

Hughes nabs trio in Louisville. Assurance may head to Board viaduct pier will on docket. Two confess at Underwood. Lee P. Hines.

and abandoned car avenue. Deaths: Edna Phillips.

Court opens term on docket. Two sent to Penit Farm. Sneak

Street resident. Deaths: James Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Robert B. Gramer.

Valley gets flood gate School prepar maintenance. Deaths: strisman.

Stage predicted for late changes grade. (Class) Myers' manage \$800 by fire.

Cross barrels for L the danger feared flood waters. Deaths: Raiser.

Workers prepare for meet at Masonic Temple. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Charleston.

Five FHA loans

ers for back-water vital points. Run

held by Sheriff

Civic Groups To Hold Joint Meet

Lions Club Will Be Host To Rotarians

Continuing the annual custom of the Rotary and Lions Clubs in holding joint sessions at the end and beginning of each year, the Lions Club will be host at the meeting to be held Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock, the first one in 1937, at the Board of Trade Hall, it was announced.

The program committee of the Lions Club, composed of Major Irvin S. Dierking and Dr. H. E. Staton, has arranged an unusual program for the occasion, it was stated.

In addition to the usual surprise feature, a special musical treat has been arranged, according to Major Dierking.

The Rotary Club was host at a joint meeting held Tuesday evening, December 29, as the last one in 1936.

Jesse Adams, honor High School student named by the school faculty to be honorary member of the Rotary Club for the month of January, will attend his first meeting at the joint session, it was stated.

MINORITY PARTIES SEEK RECOGNITION

2 Groups Strive For Realignment

Progressives and Farmer-Laborites in the House of Representatives joined forces in a bid for equal recognition with Republicans as a minority party.

At the same time they proposed a political realignment which leaders hoped would be a powerful factor by the 1940 elections.

Their strength increased from ten to thirteen in this fall's elections, the Progressive and Farmer-Labor Representatives called upon Speaker Bankhead for as many major committee assignments, in proportion to their numbers, as given the eighty-nine Republicans.

Only three Progressive and Farmer-Labor members were assigned to major committee in the Seventy-fourth Congress.

rites Thursday FOR MRS. HALL, 66

Funeral services for Mrs. Neva M. Hall, 66, formerly of Jeffersonville, who passed away at the home of her brother, Charles M. Anderson, 1457 South Street, New Albany, early Tuesday morning, after an illness of three weeks, will be held at the Combs-Scott Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Burial will be in Eastern Cemetery.

Three Leave For Furniture Mart

Robert C. Leonard, manager of the United Home Furnishing Company, in company with J. Lee Kendall, salesman for the concern, and Judge George C. Kopp left last night for Chicago to attend the annual Furniture mart.

They plan to spend several days inspecting and purchasing new designs of furniture to be offered for sale in their stores in Jeffersonville and Clark County.

SAFETY PLANS AWAIT OPENING OF ASSEMBLY

Changes In Tax Laws Are Expected

Enactment of legislation to make the highways safer, large appropriations to expand state institutions and changes in the tax laws will be the highlights of the eightieth General Assembly convening at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, leaders in the Legislature have predicted.

This will be the first session in several years starting without an ambitious administration program of "must" legislation, it was stated.

Few pronouncements about legislation have been made either by Governor Paul V. McNutt, who retires from office Monday, or by M. Clifford Townsend, who will succeed him.

Mr. Townsend has insisted on enactment of safety laws and has asked the houses to name special committees on public safety which will devote their attention to bills designed to minimize the hazards of the highways.

Widepread interest will center on proposed changes in the gross income tax law.

In his campaign he said he favored amendments to the law to remove inequalities providing these changes would not invalidate the law or reduce its revenue-raising ability.

RECEIVER SEEKS PAY FOR AGENTS

Carriers' Bonds Of Herald-Post Are Withheld

Judge Nat C. Cureton, Referee in bankruptcy, has scheduled a meeting January 26 for creditors of the Louisville Herald-Post, Incorporated, for the purpose of hearing any objections to paying approximately \$4,000 to carrier boys and agents in bonds which they had posted.

The meeting was scheduled at the instance of H. M. Kessler, trustee, who has been working on these accounts as among the first. The paper did not carry these bonds which ranged from \$2.50 to \$30, in a separate account. Mr. Kessler said, the money being deposited in the general bank account.

Mr. Kessler reported he had received several inquiries from prospective purchasers from out-of-town regarding the sale of the newspaper properties. No date has been set for a sale.

U. S. IN LEAD IN SHIP BUILDING

The United States is expected to be entered officially Friday in the world's naval construction race, it was announced.

President Roosevelt intimated he will announce instructions that day to begin construction on two \$50,000,000 battleships. They will replace two now over age.

Laying of the keels for the two will add 70,000 tons of fighting craft to the total now under construction in United States shipyards. The United States already is outbuilding Japan better than two tons to one, and well ahead of Great Britain.

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"BALD KNOB PICNIC"

"Mrs. S. B. Diffenderfer, Mrs. E. Hawley and Mrs. J. C. Brunaugh, chaperoned a jolly picnic party to Weber's on the Bald Knob, yesterday. The party went in Mathews big wagon and had a very pleasant time in spite of the rainy weather.

"The following persons composed the party:

"Messdames Diffenderfer, Hawley, Brunaugh.

"Misses Camille and Nina Webster, Rancy Heller, Ruby Keigwin, Blanche Hand, Lutie Cox, Innis Douglas, Mamie Diffenderfer, of Jeffersonville; Misses Lillie and Mary Brown and Midge Merrill, of Louisville.

"Messrs. Paston, McGlemmie, Morningstar, Webb, Teniplet, Roach, Jenkins, and Dr. Washburn, of Louisville; Messrs. Ed Smith, Harry Gresham and E. Hawley, of Jeffersonville."

"PHILOMANTHEAN PICNIC"

"One of the most enjoyable picnics of the season, was that of the Philomantheans at Blackstone's Mill, yesterday. The crowd arrived at the Mills at 10:30 and were handsomely entertained by Mr. Blackstone, who is a most whole-souled gentleman. At noon an elegant repast was spread by the young ladies and pronounced equal to Delmonico's. Baseball then engaged the attention of the picnickers and Mr. Sam Swartz carried off the ribbon as the most terrific pitcher. At 3 P. M. the party started to the Palais de Peet, and though Mr. and Mrs. Peet were entirely taken by surprise, they were equal to the occasion and entertained the Philomantheans handsomely. As entertainers Miss Nannie Peet can not be surpassed. After a short literary program by the society the party sat down to an elegant supper. Mr. Frank Worrell being declared the most perfect waiter in the crowd. The Philomantheans reached home about 9 P. M."

"BROOM BRIGADE"

"The Broom Brigade of the G. A. R. is busily at work drilling at Mozart Hall under the instructions of Prof. Slocum and the movements and tactics are very pretty and interesting. The brigade consists of Prof. Slocum, Captain, and the following young ladies:

"Misses Anna and Emma Yester, Cora Beunetta, Katie Thompson, Lucy Chambers, Ella Easton, Daisy and Alice Russell, Ollie Green, Clara Neeley, Maud Russell, Julia Poillon, Nora Friend, Nellie Friend, and May Dailey, Secretary, Jessie Morgan, Treasurer and Katie Kisselman, Organist."

"CITY NEWS IN GENERAL"

"Mr. Frank Dougherty, formerly of this city, has been appointed one of the carriers of the Louisville post office."

"Mrs. James Scott accompanied by her brother, Mr. Ed. Link left for Greensburg this morning."

"Solon Bailey, of this city, has accepted a position as engineer on the steamer Albert S. Willis and left Sunday."

"Miss Della Bertsch and Mr. Chas. Fox have been reappointed teachers at Walnut Ridge by Trustee Oglesby."

"The following Philomantheans went this morning: Messrs. Sam Swartz, Norval Worrell, F. Burin, Charles Rose, Monte Davidson."

GREAT BRITAIN SETS DEADLINE FOR DECISION

Spanish Showdown Is Nearing Climax

Great Britain has demanded that Italy and Germany speed their decisions, and give an answer no later than Saturday whether to agree to force a halt to enlistment of foreign volunteers in the Spanish civil war.

Britain thus sought to bring to a climax one of the paramount problems of keeping the civil conflict confined to local dispute, it was stated.

France-British general staff parleys to prepare the defenses of the two nations against European war probably will follow the conference between the countries' war ministers, a source close to the Defense Ministry announced.

The main problem to be worked out, this source reported, concerned British "preparedness" to aid France in case French troops are sent to the Pyrenees, which divide France from Spain.

Germany announced that the government will consider the seizure of the German freighter Palos and retention of cargo and a passenger by Basque authorities closed by 8 o'clock Friday morning, regardless of what the Spanish Socialists do. Germany gave them the choice of releasing the cargo and passenger in return for the German-seized Spanish merchantman, Aragon and Martha Junquera, or retaining them at the price of seeing the Spanish vessels turned over to the Fascist insurgents.

These twin moves by Great Britain and Germany brought the Spanish civil war and its parallel danger of European conflict to the point of show down.

MUNICIPAL SPAN HAS GOOD YEAR

Report Filed By Secy. Of Commission

A total of 1,314,862 vehicles used the Municipal Bridge during 1936 and paid \$399,659.02 in tolls, making the year the most profitable since the bridge was constructed, according to figures compiled by Edward H. West, secretary of the Louisville Bridge Commission.

The revenue for 1935 was \$355,654.53.

The next best year was 1930, when the revenue was \$390,060.15. The returns for December, 1936, totaled \$31,014.78, or \$3,596.31 in excess of the corresponding month last year, it was stated.

MRS. ELLA PEET, 83, DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ella Peet, 80, widow of H. D. Peet, expired Tuesday afternoon at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville, after a short illness.

She was a native of Fitch Township, and had lived in the New Chapel neighborhood practically all her life. In recent years she had lived in Bloomfield, Ky.

She is survived by two sons, Harry Peet, of Louisville, Ky., and John Peet, of Gary, Indiana; six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The body was taken to the Combs-Scott Funeral Home.