

SYRACUSE, N. Y., SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1918.

TROOPERS HUNT FOR ABDUCTOR

State Police Searching for Kidnapers of Martin Baby.

NO TRACE OF KIMBLE WOMAN

Officials on Trail of Suspect Find Few Clues of Any Worth.

ACCOMPLICE NOW SUGGESTED

Caller at Orphan Asylum Thursday Night May Have Some Connection With Case, Is Believed.

Woman Arrested

A JONES woman who gave her name as Mrs. LARRY HANCOCK Miller was taken to the Syracuse police station at 3:30 o'clock this morning by Corporal Butler and Trooper Magallon, who had arrested her, at Oneida, on information they had that she was the woman who had given the name of Sallie Kimble. It was said she was found at a Kimble home in Oneida.

State troopers yesterday took up the search for the woman accused of stealing Mrs. James Martin's baby Thursday afternoon in front of a South Salina street store and leaving it at the home of Mrs. John C. Lorine Jr. in Shonnard street.

Mrs. Lovine's description of the woman and her statement that she was her cousin led the troopers to scour the country in the vicinity of Oneida and finally go to a house in Feeder avenue, Oneida, where it was said a Sallie Kimble lived.

Not at Kimble Home.

At the Kimble home it was stated she had not been there for some time, and that it was known where she was.

Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Madison county agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, supplied the searchers with the information that she had seen the woman in Oneida Friday, and knew her because of previous investigations she had made.

The troopers took one girl, who answered the description of the one sought, into custody, but when she had been questioned and proved her identity she was released.

Detective William D. Stuart of the Syracuse police went to Chittenango Station on another clue, but found no trace of the alleged kidnaper.

No Mail at Station.

At the Chittenango Station postoffice, where the woman instructed Mrs. Lovine to address mail to her, it was said that no letters had ever been received for such a person. Inquiry at the village into the identity of a crippled woman who might employ a domestic furnished the police with no tangible clue.

Last night it developed that possibly two women may have been responsible for the disappearance of the Martin baby. It was learned that a woman, described as being about 40 years old, and wearing a long black coat and black dress, had called about 3 o'clock Thursday night at St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum and asked if a child seven months old could be cared for there.

Comment was common in the Saturday afternoon crowd of shoppers in Salina street about the absence of unattended babies in front of stores, heretofore a common sight. It was plain that Mrs. Martin's experience had had its effect on other mothers. Instead of the usual number of babies waiting alone in carriages while mothers shopped, there were seen empty carriages or some one standing by the babies on the walk.

Claimed Child Was Daughter's.

One of the nuns at the institution who talked with the woman said that the stranger introduced herself as Mrs. Harris and said that the child was her daughter's. She explained that the landlady of the house where she and her daughter roomed complained of the continual crying of the baby and said they would have to send it away or leave the house.

That the girl who brought the Martin baby to the Lovine home in Shonnard street Thursday afternoon is Sallie Kimble, who, in 1911, was committed to the shelter for Unprotected Girls in this city, was the opinion of Mrs. Lovine. For a time it was believed that the girl had used the name as a hoax.

Recalled Visit at Shelter.

The girl introduced herself to me Wednesday morning as Sallie Kimble and before I had a chance to talk told me of a visit I had made to her when she was confined in the shelter in 1911. Mrs. Lovine said last night.

Mrs. Lovine then said the girl told her of her marriage and said that she had been divorced and was living at Chittenango.

"WHAT IS TO BE WILL BE," SAID LAST LETTER FROM WHEATON, CORPORAL KILLED IN FRANCE

"Really Nothing to Worry About," Wrote Former Syracuse Boy to His Aunt, Mrs. E. H. Ten Eyck.

THE last letter received from Corporal Homer J. Wheaton, who was killed in action in France February 27, showed he had no fear of what the future held in store for him.

Written in France at Christmas time to his aunt, Mrs. E. H. Ten Eyck of No. 204 West Beard avenue, who is spending the winter at Palatka, Fla., it is filled with the optimism which was the spirit of Homer Wheaton's life.

It shows that he went to his death unafraid. He asked only to be given a free field and a fair chance, and he went into the fight knowing all the chances. He went to do and if necessary to die, but he probably little dreamed that for him would come the priceless honor of having his name, when the time comes that Onondaga's part in the world war is written, placed at the top of the list of those who went from here to die fighting in the Ranks of France.

Then in "Kindergarten" Course.

"My dear aunt," he said in that last letter received, "I thought the Y would be an appropriate time for my letter to all who dwell in the classic shelter of Syracuse and Pompey Hill. Sincerely hope it finds you as well as I am. We have been snugly tucked away in a tiny French hamlet, well up in the mountains, for a considerable period now, while we are taking our kindergarten course in the game of war as she is played over here."

It did not take Homer Wheaton long to graduate from the kindergarten nor from the highest school of war. "Climate conditions," he said, "are rather severe over here and the work is extremely hard, but that is all a part of the game, and the boys on the whole are standing the gaff well. We haven't lost a man out of our 500 so far," and he was the first to go.

Had "Old-fashioned Turkey Dinner."

Then he tells of the "real old-fashioned turkey dinner" on Thanksgiving Day, which broke the monotony of training, and of four days spent in Paris.

"A most wonderful trip," he called it. "You can imagine the contrast of Notre Dame and beefsteak, Versailles and taxicabs, the Louvre and champagne after weeks of mud and marching, hardtack and trench digging. I had the best time of my life. Sent you some medals from Notre Dame and hope you received them all right, as small is irregular between France and the State."

"Haven't the least idea when we will hit the trenches," he said in ending the letter. "It may be in the very near future and again not until spring. It's all on the knees of the gods, and what is to be will be. You are really in better touch with how things are going over here than we are. There is really nothing to worry over, as things generally work out for the best. Love to all the family. As ever, Homer J. Wheaton."



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ALLIANCE HEAD REFUSES TO CALL CONVENTION HERE

Declares State German-American Gathering Now Would Arouse Distrust.

WILL NOT RESIGN OFFICE

Defies Those Who Oppose Him—President of Local Branch Ignorant of Plan for Meeting in Syracuse.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-STANDARD.

BROOKLYN, March 9.—Henry Weissmann, president of the German-American Alliance of the state, has refused to call a state convention and has refused to resign his office at the request of those who oppose him because he would not call a convention after members of the alliance in Syracuse had objected to such a meeting being held in this city.

After stating his position in opposition to a convention, Mr. Weissmann said today:

"Such a German-American gathering at this time would serve to arouse distrust, if not discord. We are at war with Germany and with many things German. Feeling in America runs high. Our boys are dying, killed by German bullets, and our friends and neighbors, other than German, are impatient at German-American activities. We want unity, we want national force, the defeat of the Kaiser and all that he stands for."

"Even the densest among us must realize today that the struggle between us and Germany has become one to the very death, that the principles and ideas for which we fight are diverging more and more every day and that the necessity of the triumph of democracy is imperative."

"I said on September third in Albany, 'There can be no two loyalties: Germany to us is a memory.' For so saying I was secretly attacked and maligned by men who never dared to take an open stand. They do so now on what would appear to be a very harmless proposition, the calling of a state convention. It is not such. At the bottom lies the desire of breaking the force that has tried not merely to speak loyalty, but to cause active patriotic work to be done for the Liberty loan, the war savings stamps, the war associations and the Red Cross."

Joseph Haas, president of the Syracuse branch of the German-American Alliance, said last night:

"I know nothing about any attempt to call a convention here. I saw Mr. Weissmann in Albany last Tuesday in connection with the Herkimer homestead legislation, and he said nothing about a convention. We have not been active since the war began. We had a meeting here in January and bought \$20 worth of war stamps. We had a meeting in February and contributed \$50 to the Lutheran soldiers and \$50 to the Catholic soldiers in the American army. I may call another meeting this month to buy more war stamps."

Gets Church Choir Position.

Mrs. Frank McFerrin, formerly Miss Helen Clark, has been appointed soprano soloist in the largest church in Heilichville, N. J., according to news received by her friends in this city.

Franklin Engineer in Federal Work



JOHN WILKINSON

S. E. ABBOTT NOW SERVING IN HOSPITAL IN ENGLAND

Syracuse Man With War Work Council of Young Men's Christian Association.

Samuel E. Abbott of No. 225 Maryland avenue, is serving in a large hospital in England under the National War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association. He holds the rank of captain with the council as the result of his training both in Y. M. C. A. and in medical work, being a graduate of the Y. M. C. A. College, Springfield, N. Y., and of Tufts Medical College, Boston.

Altogether beyond draft age, Mr. Abbott underwent a course of training at Camp Sheridan and later entered the war work council service. He is fitted for either medical or general work behind the lines and has offered himself for duty either in France or Italy. He went to England the latter part of January.

For some time Mr. Abbott has been engaged in medical work in Boston, Virginia and Colorado. Last year he was connected with the medical department of the State Teachers' College at Greeley, Col.

LIBERTY MOTORS ARE TESTED BY JOHN WILKINSON

Syracuse Engineer One of Three Designated by Aircraft Board.

IN DETROIT FOR SOME TIME

Franklin Representative Summoned for Government Service Upon Leaving City for Winter Vacation in the South.

John Wilkinson, vice-president and chief engineer of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Company, will go without a vacation this year to give his time and talents to all the United States in winning the war.

Mr. Wilkinson, with H. M. Crane, chief engineer of the Wright-Martin Aircraft Corporation, and D. McCall White, chief engineer of the Cadillac Motor Company, are among the forces in Detroit conducting tests of the Liberty motor for airplanes.

That the aerial forces of the government will play a most important part in winning the war is conceded, and the claim has been made that the output of American aircraft already is superior to anything that any other nation has offered. Mr. Wilkinson and his associates were named by Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the Aircraft Production Board, to conduct the tests, which are now being made in Detroit and which will require their presence there for some time.

Mr. Wilkinson's family is at Pinhurst, N. C., and he intended spending the winter holidays with them there, but the summons to duty for the government came as he was starting, and after seeing his household settled in the North Carolina resort he hastened to Detroit to begin his activities. He is now at his home here for a few days.

To Celebrate Anniversary.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Syracuse Turn Verein will celebrate its anniversary Wednesday. The monthly euchre will be held in the afternoon, followed by a short business meeting. Dinner will be served at 8 o'clock.

BUILDING TRADES HOPE TO AVERT MAY STRIKE

Union Men and Employers Renew Conferences This Week—Confident of Agreement on Demands.

Demands of Syracuse workmen in the building trades for wage increases are being considered by employers and representatives of the unions in conferences. Two meetings were held last week and more are scheduled for this week.

Both sides, it is asserted, are confident there will be no strike on May 1, the date upon which the masons, carpenters, plasterers, metal lathers and other trades ask that increases become effective. The demands of the union men, it is said, are for increases in all lines of approximately 10 per cent. They declare the high cost of living makes it impera-

NO-LICENSE AND PROHIBITION NOW SUPREME ISSUES

Legislature to Act on Amendment—Drys File Election Petition This Week.

ASSEMBLY TO VOTE TUESDAY

Signatures to Call for City Referendum Must Be Filed by Saturday.

COMMITTEE IS RETICENT

Secrecy Maintained at Local Headquarters as to Number of Names Affixed by Electors—Interest Centers at Albany.

Interest in the prohibition movement centers this week on two of its phases, the action to be taken in the State Legislature on the national amendment and the Syracuse petition for a no-license election.

The petition calling for a special election April 13 on the license question must be filed by Saturday.

The Assembly is expected to vote on the national amendment Tuesday.

Silent on Signatures.

Officers of the no-license campaign committee maintain the utmost secrecy regarding their success or lack of success in getting enough signatures to make the petition effective, but the general air of serenity about headquarters in the City Bank building and lack of unusual activity indicate enough names have been obtained.

Whether the signatures of women will be considered is still undecided, but the committee has taken no chances. It proceeded with its work on the basis of securing a sufficient number of names of men voters to insure the election. If women are considered eligible to sign, the petition will have at least twice the number of names necessary.

That the petition will result in a special election is considered a foregone conclusion, so the greatest interest is in what is going to be done at Albany. Onondaga representatives are home from the capital, but they are not prone to discuss what they intend to do when the roll call is reached, maintaining various phases of the question make anticipation of action doubtful.

Drys Are Optimistic.

The dries, it is believed, have a majority in the Assembly and are more optimistic about the Senate than they were, but both houses are about evenly divided on the question. When the national prohibition amendment comes up for ratification in the Assembly Tuesday it is believed an effort will be made to amend it so as to put the question to a state referendum next fall. If the referendum amendment is defeated this week in the Assembly it is almost certain to obtain

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MAN ARRESTED CRAWLING FROM CIGAR STORE WINDOW

Youth With Ten Boxes of "Smokes" Caught by Detective Hagerman.

Joseph H. Leinwand, 21, of No. 27 Cleveland street, as he was booked at police headquarters, was arrested at 12:45 o'clock this morning by Detective Hagerman as he was crawling out a rear window of Charles F. Hoffner's cigar factory, No. 109 East street, with ten boxes of cigars.

It was the third time that the Hoffner shop had been entered by a burglar within a few weeks, and each time 500 cigars were taken.

Detective Hagerman, who had been assigned to the case, was in the shop last night waiting for a possible visit, when he alleged, his visit was rewarded by Leinwand's coming and attempted departure. The detective waited until the man was about to leave, and seized him. Leinwand was locked up.

FURNITURE AFIRE IN STREET; CAUSE REMAINS A MYSTERY

Two Green Upholstered Chairs and Davenport Burn Merrily Near Y. M. C. A.

Police and firemen called to a fire in furniture on the sidewalk in Montgomery street near the Y. M. C. A. building at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon were unable to learn the cause of the fire nor the owners of the furniture.

Two green upholstered chairs and a green davenport were burning brightly when Combustion Company No. 1, under command of Captain Palmer, arrived. The blaze was soon extinguished. In the street near the damaged furniture was a melenite heating license No. 446-025, which had been there no one with the truck or the furniture to explain what had happened. It was believed, however, the chairs and davenport took fire while the truck and davenport were through out.

C. LOOMIS ALLEN RETURNS; SEEN IN ROCHESTER FRIDAY

Reappears as Mysteriously He Disappeared Eight Weeks Ago.

FRIENDS REFUSE TO DIVULGE WHERE HE IS NOW LOCATED

Belief Current He May Be Within Few Miles of This City and May Come Home During This Week.

C. Loomis Allen, former director of the War Board of American Electric Railway Association, who mysteriously disappeared from the Belvedere Hotel in Baltimore January 13, has reappeared.

Announcement that he had been located was made here by his business partner, T. C. Cherry, and it was later learned Mr. Allen had been seen in Rochester Friday with Mr. C. and J. N. Shanahan of Newport News, Va., another business partner and the man who "resigned" Allen as head of the Board after his disappearance.

Just where Mr. Allen was last night his friends did not reveal, but there were strong intimations that he was not away from this city.

Whether he is coming back or not cannot be stated, cause his friends who know refuse to talk, but there is a strong belief in some quarters that developments promised by middle of next week may mean the return of the man Syracuse.

Mrs. Allen at Her Home Here.

Mrs. Allen has been away from Syracuse it is said, but has returned. She has been staying at the home of her cousin, Clarence E. Hancock of No. 122 East Genesee street. A telephone call to that address last night elicited the information that Mrs. Allen was at home but had gone to bed.

A theory is held in some quarters that the purpose of delaying the return of Mr. Allen to Syracuse is to permit of time to arrange a meeting of all interested in his business affairs, and there is further talk regarding the possibility of a family reconciliation. Friends of Mr. Allen were ready to believe last night the report that he was in Rochester Friday. Those not directly connected with his affairs or with the search conducted to locate him, but who have known him for a long time, say they are not surprised at the report he has been in Rochester and in the company in which he is reported to have been seen.

Through all the time that has elapsed since Mr. Allen disappeared ostensibly to keep a business engagement in Philadelphia, which he did not keep, there have been scores of friends here who maintained that Mr. Allen was alive and that when his whereabouts became known the knowledge would come first to those closely associated with him.

Word that Mr. Allen was in Rochester Friday came from a clerk in the Seneca Hotel in that city, who says he knows Mr. Allen. He positively he was in this city Friday, company with other men, some of whom he also identifies. Some of these men have been closely associated with Mr. Allen and two of them at least have been active in the search for him since he disappeared.

These two men are his business partners, T. C. Cherry of this city and J. N. Shanahan of Newport News, Va., vice-presidents of Allen & Deek. A third man registered at the Rochester hotel as J. Stanley, is thought by some to be John J. Stanley of Cleveland, president of the American Electric Railway Association and formerly of the New State Railways.

James L. Hamilton, vice-president operating manager of the New State Railways and also close friend of Mr. Allen, expressed surprise in Rochester last night at the report that Mr. Allen had been there and said he seen neither Mr. Allen nor any of his business associates.

A. M. Sanderl, proprietor of the Seneca Hotel, denied Mr. Allen was registered at the hotel, but admitted that "there" several visitors of his stay there Friday and that one of them might have been Allen.

"Mr. Cherry was asked by tele last night about the trip he made Rochester Friday. The conversation was about like this: "Mr. Cherry?" "Yes." "This is The Post-Standard." "Oh, yes." "Where is Mr. Allen, Mr. Cherry?" "Ask me." "What's that?" "Ask me." "Didn't you go to Rochester to see Allen?"

"My road runs through Rochester know, and as far as Newark. My word naturally take me to Rochester. "Then you haven't seen Mr. Allen?" "I wouldn't say that."

"Can you tell where Mr. Allen whether he is coming back to Syracuse that is all I am going to say now. "Then you cannot say whether Mr. Allen is coming back?" "I cannot say."

It was Mr. Cherry who announced today the reappearance of Mr. Allen. He did it in this brief statement, but declined to amplify in spite of all temptations.

C. Loomis Allen has been located in Baltimore with a woman. We expect to hear more in the middle of next week.

MRS. MARCHANT HOME! IN BALTIMORE 2 DAYS INTIMATE FRIENDS SA

Husband Maintains Silence Upon Reported Return of Wife After Absence of Six Weeks.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-STANDARD. BALTIMORE, Md., March 9.—Mrs. Roland R. Marchant, wife of Baltimore's deputy state's attorney, has returned in this city after an absence of about six weeks. She has been in Baltimore at least two days, it was learned tonight, and has been seen by some of her husband's intimate friends and pressed upon to rejoin Mr. Marchant and live with him.

No affirmation or denial of this could be obtained from Mr. Marchant to as he persists in the policy of silence which he adopted at the time of his wife's disappearance. At that time merely intimated that he knew she gone somewhere in New York state. At the Carrollton apartments, Mr. Marchant and his son are a great secrecy is maintained, and those who are in the neighborhood of the woman has been seen in company with her husband and child.

Mrs. Fennell's Father Dead. Mrs. Arthur B. Fennell of No. 215 South Salina street has been notified by Buffalo by the death of her father, James Carson Shelton, who died Friday night at his home, No. 233 Northwood avenue in that city. The funeral services will be held this afternoon with burial at Buffalo. Besides the daughter here he is survived by his wife and one other daughter, Mrs. Walter Retzer of Buffalo.

Overcome by Coal Gas. Vincent Durrigo, 43, of East Syracuse was overcome by coal gas while working in an engine in the DeWitt yards in New York Central Railroad last night. He was placed aboard a passenger car and taken to James and streets, where in ambulance from St. Joseph's Hospital was waiting. At 6:15 it was stated at the hospital that the man was recovering from the effects of gas and was in no further danger.