

# DETECTIVES GUARD DEMPSEY'S CHILD

Steps Taken by Atlantic City Police on Tip of Kidnapping Threat

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 9.— Detectives here were put on alert yesterday morning after receiving a anonymous telephone call threatening a kidnapping of Jack Dempsey's 18-month-old daughter, Joan Hannah.

Whether the threat was accurate or merely a rumor was left to any detective who happened to be on duty. Capt. James Parry asserted it was probably the result of a crank.

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel where she is staying with her mother.

Parry said that rumors to the effect that Dempsey and a friend had received post cards from an anonymous writer warning of a kidnapping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we have facts," Parry said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the President hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother."

As far as we've been able to find out, Parry added, there's nothing to the report. It's probably the work of a crank.

While Parry was reluctant to discuss the case further, he said he had heard rumors that Federal men were investigating. From other sources it was learned that two Department of Justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police and were making a search for inquiry into the origin of the alleged plot.

Left because of strike  
Mrs. Dempsey, the former Helen Williams, Broadway show girl, has been at the door since  
Prior to Dempsey's arrival, he  
resigned temporarily from his  
position during the duration of the  
strike in New York.  
It is understood he has  
had to give up his room  
taking up and down  
the New York Hotel  
during the strike.  
He has been community  
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Dempsey has refused to  
make threats and in Washington  
Department of Justice obtained  
Card, Park, indicating  
license in the name  
issued largely by a desire to  
protect Mrs. Dempsey, who is  
an American.

A post card sent to Dempsey  
yesterday was learned that Dempsey  
replied to post card in New York  
warning him that the writer had  
heard two Polish gentlemen plan  
to kidnap Joan. A card bearing  
a similar warning was received by  
a friend of Dempsey here. The card  
bore Atlantic City post mark.

Dempsey, it was learned, home  
date with a personal bodyguard  
from New York to be near his wife  
and child.

Hotel authorities would not discuss  
the case. The Dempseys occupy a  
sumptuous suite in the hotel, which  
is located on Albany Avenue on the  
main highway connecting the resort  
with the mainland.

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**OUR WITNESS—A MAN  
DID NOT KILL HIM.**

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# JACK DEMPSEY'S CHILD GUARDIAN

## Agents and Police Probe Alleged Kidnap Plot to Seize Daughter

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 25.—(AP)—Federal agents and local police were report investigating tonight an alleged kidnapping threat made against John Doherty, 19 months old daughter of Jack Doherty, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard to a mate at a local hotel where her mother, the former Hannah Williams, also is living.

The provisions were taken. It was learned after a friend of Denney and Jack Russell had received permission on which an anonymous writer wrote them that two other persons were overheard discussing the returning

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# DEMSEY BABY JOAN GUARDED

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—A close guard was placed around Jack Dempsey's 19-year-old daughter, Baby Joan, yesterday after she was threatened with kidnapping.

**As Action Grows Hot**  
James Purdy, one of the best of his crack detectives, is at the hotel where Baby Joan is staying with her mother. It was last night

## DESPERATE FIGHT FOR BABY CONSPIRACY

(Continued from page 1)  
Williams, Dempsey's manager, and others have been at the hotel since yesterday morning to see that nothing may happen to the girl. They are to remain there until the threat is removed.

It is understood that the plot was hatched by two men who were engaged in robbing up and down the coast at the New York and New England ports. One of them is said to be a member of the gang which held up the Bank of America in New York last year.

It is also known that the two men are members of the gang which held up the First National Bank in Atlantic City last year.

They are believed to be responsible for kidnapping the source of the enormous plot.

Purdy and several agents were summoned yesterday after the threatening letter was received. It was late last night that the plot was discovered by police officers.

"AS SOON AS we heard about the plot, too, we detailed two of our men to the hotel to guard the child," said Capt. Purdy. "We fear we're liable to hear now if we're not being led to the report. And we are taking no chances."

While Purdy was silent to protect the plotter, he said he had heard "rumors" that both men were Americans. From what he said, it was learned that the two men were probably Negroes and had been in the country at the beginning of the year and were making a living by robbing into the winter.

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# DEMSEY DAY

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