Kidnaping Threats At Dempsey Baby

Ex-Fighter's Wife and Infant Daughter Closely Guarded

ATLANTIC CITY, March 8.—Mrs. Jack Dempsey, wife of the former heavyweight boxing champion, and her 19-months-old daughter, Joan, were under guard [illegible] hotel here tonight, following [illegible]naping threats.

Federal agents and local police began an investigation, while a bodyguard sent by Dempsey from New York paced the corridors outside the Dempsey hotel suite.

The precautions were taken, it was learned after Dempsey and one of his friends in New York received post cards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen" had been overheard planning the kid[illegible].

[illegible] Dempsey and Mrs. Demp[illegible] fused to comment.

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GUARD STILL WATCHES DEMPSEY'S BABY HERE

Hoover Tells Former Champion to "Let the Department of Justice Do All the Worrying.

Jack Dempsey, his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their 19-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah, were back home in the Dempsey apartment at 25 Central Park W. today, their Atlantic City visit cut short by the publicity that followed the alleged kidnap threats made against the baby.

Although the threats were designated officially as a probable hoax, federal agents under J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Bureau of Identification Department, were investigating the matter. An armed guard also was watching the infant in the city.

The former heavyweight champion said that Mr. Hoover told him to "let the department do all the worrying."

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Dempsey Goes Back to N. Y. After Threat

Former Champion Takes His Family and Flees to Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J., March 10—(INS)—Threats of kidnaping directed at his 19-months-old daughter, Joan, today had led Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight titleholder to harden back to New York with his family.

Accompanied by his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their child, Dempsey left his beachfront hotel by a rear entrance and fled in his automobile waiting at the curb. The Dempsey car was followed by another containing several men, who identified as his bodyguard and the others believed to be Federal agents.

The former heavyweight's flight from the city—where he had come to escape the inconveniences of New York's elevator strike—apparently discounted his statement he considered the threats the work of cranks. Police were called in when he received an unsigned postal card declaring that two men had been overheard planning the abduction.

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San Francisco EXAMINER
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Jack Dempsey's Baby Is Guarded From Kidnapers

ATLANTIC CITY (N. J.), March 8—(AP)—Federal agents and local police were reported investigating tonight an alleged kidnaping threat made against Joan Hannah, 19-months-old daughter of Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight boxing champion.

The child is reported under guard in a suite at a local hotel.

The precautions were taken, it was learned, after a friend of Dempsey and Jack himself had received post cards on which an anonymous writer warned them that "two Polish gentlemen were overheard planning the [illegible]."

Dempsey, it was learned, received his card in New York. The former champion brought his wife and child here last week from New York for the duration of the service employee strike in that city.

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San Francisco EXAMINER
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Kidnaping Threats

Dempsey Bows To Uncle Sam

G-MEN GUARD BABY

MRS. JACK DEMPSEY, BABY JOAN.
Latest Picture of Ex-Champion's Family

U. S. INSISTS ON GIVING BABY PROTECTION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 11.—Jack Dempsey is going to let Uncle Sam do the worrying for him. The former heavyweight champion has agreed to let the Department of Justice G-Men guard young Joan Hannah Dempsey, his daughter, following mysterious kidnaping threats.

Dempsey, who came here with his baby and his wife, the former Hannah Williams of the stage, was inclined to believe the messages he received were the work of cranks, but J. Edgar Hoover, head G Man, was taking no chances. He ordered a guard for the baby.

The Dempseys came to Atlantic City because of alterations in their New York City home. Dempsey had not informed his wife of the threats because she is expecting another child. When told, however, she showed little concern.

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JOAN DEMPSEY—Jack's daughter is well guarded against kidnapers.

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Kidnapers Beware!

Shunning strike-torn Manhattan and the Broadway bright lights, the Dempseys, Ex-Prize Fighter Jack, his wife, the former Hanna Williams of the silver screen, and 10-month-old daughter, Joan, arrived in Atlantic City for some privacy and peace.

An anonymous postcard momentarily shattered their calm. The writer vouched for the fact that he had overheard two foreigners conversing in a language which he understood, discussing dark plans to kidnap the infant child.

Police jumped into action. J. Edgar Hoover, of Uncle Sam's crack Bureau of Investigation, sent two men down to investigate the story. The sleuths are still [illegible] a job.

Dempsey alone was [illegible]. Terming the kidnap plot "the work of a crank," the former heavyweight champion complained:

"They've posted several guards over our suite here, but we don't need them."

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DEMPSEYS RETURN; BABY JOAN GUARDED

G-Men on Watch After Kidnap Tip

Jack and Hannah Dempsey are back home today content to follow Edgar Hoover's advice and let Federal sleuths do the worrying about kidnap threats against their daughter Joan, nineteen months old.

They moved into their apartment at 25 Central Park West late yesterday from Atlantic City accompanied by an armed guard. The former heavyweight champ seemed unalarmed at the anonymous postcard tip to the shore resort that a plot was afoot to kidnap his child.

While the Dempseys, police and G-Men regard the tip as the work of a crank, all precautions are being taken to safeguard the youngster.

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THREATS MAKE DEMPSEY ILL.

For 3 Months Ex-Champion Sought to Conceal Kidnaping Notes.

By The Star's Leased Wire Service.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9—Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, was under a physician's care here today after he revealed receipt of a series of mysterious kidnaping warnings by postcard involving his 19-month-old daughter, Joan, to his wife, the former Hannah Williams of the stage.

For three months the ex-pugilist tried to keep Mrs. Dempsey, who is expecting another baby in June, ignorant of the situation. But on the insistence of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, Jack let the facts be known this morning.

The former actress accepted the revelation bravely at breakfast in their suite in a board walk hotel.

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G-MAN GUARDS DEMPSEY GIRL

Father Expresses Contempt for Kidnapers —3 Letters

New York—(AP)—A 19-months-old young lady, Joan Hannah Dempsey, with a smile very much like her father's, was back in New York today after a trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation.

Her father, Jack, the former heavyweight boxing champion, expressed a contempt for kidnapers, real or imagined, by whom the baby was reported to have been threatened in a series of letters. He announced he had received three threatening letters, but had kept the news from his wife for three months.

They went to Atlantic City Saturday, ostensibly to escape the inconveniences of the elevator strike in New York.

Dempsey quoted his wife, the former Hannah Williams, as saying: "Jack, I'm not afraid. Don't worry. But do take every precaution."

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Investigation Bureau, has assigned investigators to the case.

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G-Men Come To Aid the Dempseys

Their Baby Is Threatened

G-MEN DO KIDNAP WORRY FOR JACK

ATLANTIC CITY.—Evidence that G-Men are helping guard chubby little Joan Hannah Dempsey from possible kidnaping was given by her father, Jack, former world's heavyweight champion, yesterday.

"I spoke to J. Edgar Hoover (head of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice) and he told me not to worry, to let the Department do the worrying," Jack said.

"Personally I'm not disturbed. I think the two postal card warnings are the work of a crank, but then you never can tell what a crank will do."

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams and one-time wife of Edgar Wolfe Kahn, expects another child in June.

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