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HEAD OF MISSING FAMILY COLLAPSES

Carlson, Whose Household
of Ten Vanished, is Under
Physician's Care—Empty
Home Appeals Him.

New York, Dec. 11.—Bengt Carlson, whose family of ten vanished from his Brooklyn home last Saturday while he was asleep, collapsed under the strain of watching and waiting in vain for their return. At the home of his brother, Svante Carlson, 1018 Canton Avenue, Brooklyn, where he has been staying since his wife and children left him, Bengt has been placed under the care of a physician. His condition is said to be serious.

Thursday morning, the first thing Carlson left his brother's house and went over to his own home in the expectation that the newspaper advertisements and stories might have been seen by his family. He opened the front door, half in the belief that everything would be as it had been before last Saturday morning. Perhaps his wife would be there and Hannah and Freda with their parents. Maybe the boys would be there to welcome him and forgive him.

But the echo of his own footfall was the only sound as he stepped through the front door. He called but no one answered.

"They have not come back," he said to himself. "But I will wait."

Even Passport Picture Gone.

He waited, and while waiting wandered about the empty rooms and looked on the walls, pictures and the family had gone. They had carried with them all the pictures in the home, even tearing his wife's picture from her passport to Sweden. An hour passed and two. Then Bengt started back to his brother's.

The reason for the astonishing disappearance of an entire household continues just as much of a mystery as it was when Carlson awoke last Saturday to find himself deserted. Neither he nor his neighbors apparently have the slightest idea where Carlson's wife, five grown, unmarried children, his son and wife and two youngsters have gone.

Carlson himself is certain that his children planned the disappearance of his family because he refused to purchase a new house in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. He says that the only agreement they had on Friday was over the purchase of this house. The children and his wife wanted it. He refused. He went to bed and he got up he was alone in the house.

Finds Typewritten Note.

To back up his convictions on this point, Carlson found a typewritten note, which was certain was typed by his eldest daughter, Hannah, although there was no signature. So far as he can remember, the note said that since Carlson would not buy a new house, and since he couldn't come to any definite decision he could "just stay home and do as you please."

From what Carlson has said in conversations with the neighbors it seems that there was a family quarrel over various things that led to the disappearance. Carlson, who is 60, is small but strong and rather determined looking. With his wife, Ida, and their six children, the youngest one, Clara, a baby, they moved into a new house in Brooklyn.

There they lived for twenty years while the children grew up and the parents grew old. Carlson, by all accounts, seems attached to the old place and he says he thought this was true of his wife. But the children did not like it. There was Arthur, married, a chauffeur, 33; Hannah, 30, who conducted a school for stenographers in the home; Edmund, 27, a war veteran, crippled from a wound in France, a mechanical draughtsman; Freda, 24, who studied painting at home; Victor, 23, and Clara, 20, both stenographers.

He Promised Repairs.

The town grew up and away from the old house and the children clamored for removal to a more fashionable neighborhood. Carlson could not understand this longing at first and fought against it. Then they began to tell him the house was falling to pieces and generally in bad condition.

"I told them," he said "that I would get paint and plaster and fix it up. I showed them that there was nothing about the house that couldn't be fixed easily."

According to the neighbors, Carlson never seemed to understand the modern young people and he frequently was in some sort of discussion with his children. Last summer he and Mrs. Carlson went back to Sweden.

"It was like a honeymoon," said Carlson, describing this trip. "Never a word of disagreement all the time we were gone. My wife and I just wandered around together so happy. Why, we were like people in love, just married. We were contented."

From Sweden Carlson sent back to this country \$3,500 which had been on deposit in his name there. He had it placed there, he says, in several banks, but he does not remember the names of those banks. He is afraid that when they left the family carried with them the bank books certifying to these deposits, all of which, however, were in his own name.

Plans Kept Well Hidden.

If the family planned their disappearance they kept those plans pretty well hidden, for no one has been found who had any inkling of what was to happen to Carlson. A young man in the neighborhood said he was with Edmund Carlson on Friday and that they planned to meet again on Saturday. He said he has neither seen nor heard from Edmund since.

Hannah left without notifying the pupils of her school in stenography. Those came as usual on Saturday morning to be told by Carlson that there would be no class that day. Carlson refuses to give the names of any of those who employed his children, but he asserts that he has tried those sources of information and found that each of the vanished ones quit his or her job last week.

Carlson's plight has touched the hearts of his brother's household. Until his collapse he was out and about Brooklyn going to former favorite haunts of his or that member of the family in a futile effort to catch one glimpse of a beloved face. When night came, he did not sleep, but wandered about from room to room crying and praying for the return of his wife and children.

"I'll buy a house anywhere, I'll do anything, if they'll only come back to me," is his constant plea.

Carlson has been urged to put the matter into the hands of the police, but according to his brother, has so far refused. He is afraid there might be some one arrested, and he does not want that disgrace to happen.

"They will come back to me, when they know how I miss them," he said. "Until then I will wait."

THREE INVENTIONS TO AID
VISION INVOLVED IN SUIT
Claims Made Over Devices to Assist
Submarine Warfare by British.

London, Nov. 16.—(By mail.)—Before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors consideration has been given to a claim by C. Teasdale Buckell, in respect of three inventions of light filters for increasing the keenness of vision in the search for submarines, says the London Morning Post.

One of them referred to the use of certain color-filtered spectacles, to be able to see more clearly the periscope of submarines in contrast with the blue-green or gray of the water. Another invention was the use of different colored light filters on the two eyes, which gave stereoscopic vision in circumstances not otherwise obtainable, while the third was concerned with the flooding of the retina of the eye with a certain kind of light, which increased the acuteness of vision.

Trevor Watson, in supporting the claim, mentioned in respect of the first invention, which was brought out early in 1915, said that it was the subject of a characteristic incident, at the hands of the late Lord Fisher. The claimant, who was then a Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy, on going into Lord Fisher's room, saw on the table a copy of his official report, with the words scrawled across it in chalk by Lord Fisher: "Get this done before the end of the war."

The firemen were called out twice over the week-end to extinguish small fires. The first call was a still alarm about 6.30 o'clock on Saturday night for a chimney fire at 21 Marsh road. The second call came yesterday morning at 11.40 o'clock, when an alarm from box 67 brought the firemen to handle a small fire in an automobile in a yard off Elliott row. The machine was owned by George M. Kincaid and the fire was extinguished before serious damage was done. The motor car and the floor of the barn in which it was stored were somewhat damaged.

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