

# Begin Wide Hunt for Theile

**Police and Private Detectives Have No Clue to Youth Gone Since May 3.**

A nationwide alarm was sent out today by William Theile, financier, for his fifteen-year-old son, William Webster Theile, who has been missing from their home at Mamaroneck since May 3. The police and private detectives have been searching for the boy in secret without finding any clue to his whereabouts.

The father, who is president of the Atlantic Investing Corporation, 61 Wall street, and the Catalin Corporation of America, 1 Park avenue, believes the boy planned his disappearance carefully and then went out to look for a job. Mr. Theile said that the family had received no demands for ransom and that he had no reason to think the boy was kidnaped.

The boy was carrying a tennis racket and a paper bag that might have contained a few articles of clothing when he left home on the morning of May 3. He told his father he was going to play tennis with Jack Lemosine, a friend, who lives on the Boston Post Road near Pelham Country Club. The boy was driven there from the Theile estate on Shadow Island by the chauffeur.

#### Disappearance Reported.

The boy did not return that day, and his father reported his disappearance to the police immediately. Their investigation showed that the Lemosine boy was at Hackley School in Tarrytown on May 3 and not at home. They learned also that young Theile had been selling

his school books for sums up to about 30 cents.

In addition to the money he made by selling his books he had about \$41, according to his father. This money he had saved from his allowance of \$15 a month. He had just received his \$15 for May.

"William has always been a careful spender," Mr. Theile said, "and the \$40 may hold out a long time. But by now he must certainly have run out of money."

The boy was wearing a brown suit with a white pin stripe, a white shirt and brown suede shoes the day he disappeared. He has light brown eyes and brown hair cut in crew style and a fair complexion. He is five feet eleven inches in height and weighs 142 pounds. At Rye Country Day School he had a considerable reputation as an athlete. He played football, held the school high-jump record and was a swimmer and diver.

#### Questioned Boy's Friends.

The disappearance was kept secret while the police questioned the boy's friends and the family communicated with relatives at Los Angeles, Fort Stockton, Tex., and Detroit. The family believed

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William Webster Theile.

the boy would come home as soon as his money was gone. Finally Mrs. Theile appeared to be on the verge of collapse from worry, and Mr. Theile decided to issue a general alarm.

He said that the boy had always seemed happy at home and at school, where he was to have been graduated this month. He was a good pianist, according to the father, who suggested that he might have got a job playing somewhere in New York city.

The police learned that the boy often went to a burlesque show in 125th street near Lexington avenue and to a dime-a-dance ballroom close by. They watched both places but did not find him.