

BOYS RESCUE CHILD; KIDNAPING IS HINTED

Lost Baby Found Sitting on the Lake Edge—Man Slinks Away.

Two 12-year-old schoolboys rescued William Batchelor, two-year-old son of J. R. Batchelor, 127 East Fourth street, from a man who, it is believed, was attempting to kidnap the child.

The boys were Harry Brownson, 311 East Seventh street and Lewis Laskowitz, son of Joseph Laskowitz, 420 East Seventh street.

The rescue ended a frantic search for the lost child in which the police, dozens of residents and 40 schoolboys from the Jefferson and Franklin schools took part.

The child was missed by his parents early in the forenoon. After they had scoured the neighborhood, notified the police and secured assistance from neighbors Mr. Batchelor sought aid of the principals of the two nearby schools. Miss Belle F. Calverley, principal of the Jefferson school and E. A. Mooney of the Franklin called for volunteer searchers among the boys. Every boy in both schools asked to help in the hunt. Twenty were selected from each school.

Near the foot of Twelfth avenue east Brownson and Laskowitz were attracted by the child's cries. Guarded by a roughly-dressed, dirty man of middle age the baby was sitting in water almost up to its neck.

The man, according to the boys, attempted to frighten them away, but slunk out of sight when they picked up stones and walked toward the child.

The baby was half unconscious from exposure when found, but will recover, according to physicians.