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CHICAGO BOOZE RUNNERS FINED AND SENTENCED

Thirteen Notorious Crime Lords Punished In Federal Court

LOOTED A WAREHOUSE

John Torrio, Lord Of Chicago Vice World, Inclosed In Group

UNITED PRESS SERVICE Chicago, Jan. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Thirteen Chicago booze runners including John Torrio, one of the notorious O'Donnell brothers, and a score of crime lords who consistently flouted the prohibition act for two years were fined or sentenced to jail terms in the federal court by Judge Adam C. Cliffe today.

All involved were implicated in the sensational Sieben warehouse robbery of last April in which a powerful Chicago crime syndicate looted a government bonded warehouse of more than \$100,000 in liquor.

John Torrio, over lord of Chicago vice world, was sentenced to nine months in Cook county jail and fined \$600 and costs. It is the first time in Chicago's history that Torrio, who police claimed has been behind every big robbery which has occurred here in recent years, was ordered to serve time.

Van Orman Is Strong On Following Rules

UNITED PRESS SERVICE Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—Rule books in the senate chamber will be well thumbed before the session ends in March.

Lieutenant Governor Van Orman, presiding officer of the senate, is a stickler for rules and has frequently called attention to the rule book in the deliberations of the senate.

"What's the use of having rules if they are not used?" Van Orman asked. "Let's follow them as long as we have them."

Cross Word Puzzles Invade Legislature

UNITED PRESS SERVICE Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 17.—Cross word puzzles have even invaded the legislative halls.

Representative Dewey P. Thatch introduced a resolution instructing the chief clerk to purchase not less than 100 nor more than 150 dictionaries to be left about the hall and lounge for benefit of cross word puzzle addicts.

Speaker Parker ruled the matter should be laid before the committee on eleemosynary institutions.

Tin Plate King Dies

New York, Jan. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Daniel G. Reid, the tin plate king, formerly of Muncie, Ind., died at his home here. Reid, who was 67, has been ill for several days of pneumonia.

JACOB SCHWARTZ DIED YESTERDAY

Prominent Retired Farmer Died At Home In Monroe Township

Funeral services for Jacob Schwartz, of Monroe township, age 82, one of the best-known farmers in the south part of the county, whose death occurred Friday morning, of infirmities, will be held Sunday afternoon. Services will be held at one o'clock from the Schwartz home and at two o'clock from the Defenseless Mennonite church, west of Berne. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Schwartz had been in poor health for sometime and little hope was held for his recovery. He had been bedfast for several weeks. Mr. Schwartz is survived by three sons, Rev. Jacob Schwartz, a minister of the Amish church; David Schwartz, and C. W. R. Schwartz, of Berne, and one daughter, Mrs. Dan Mazelin, of Berne.

More Than 1,000 Have Purchased Auto Licenses

Between 1,000 and 1,100 automobile owners have secured their 1925 licenses and number plates from the local office of the state automobile department, located in the Graham & Walters building. It is estimated that more than 3,000 plates will be issued this year. February 15 has been set as "dead line" for securing the licenses and automobile owners are urged to get their licenses and new number plates as soon as possible.

COMER DENIES ROBBERY CHARGE

Man Held For Robbing Mr. And Mrs. John Harmon Pleads Not Guilty

Van Wert, Ohio, Jan. 17.—Roy F. Comer, evasive young man who was identified by both Mr. and Mrs. John Harmon as one of four men who bound them with adhesive tape and looted their home of more than \$1,200 yesterday looked across the table at Squire A. C. Gilpin and heard an affidavit read charging him with the Harmon robbery.

"Not guilty" replied Comer, answering the charge. The accused man seemed to be in a thoughtful, word-choosing mood as his hearing, which was set for 9 o'clock Monday morning was being arranged. He said he had no arrangements for an attorney but would select his own counsel. Asked if he could be ready for his hearing Saturday morning, he replied in the affirmative. Then Squire Gilpin recalled that Saturday might be an inconvenient day offering Comer an extension until Monday. Comer was silent a minute or more before he accepted the change.

No doubt ex-deputy Sheriff Boley felt a bit triumphant as he directed the man who for several months has been his quarry, before the magistrate. Boley's services were retained temporarily by Sheriff John, who in speaking of Comer, said "He's Boley's man." Boley brought him back, arriving here about 10 o'clock Thursday night from Marion, Ind. For several months Boley has been chasing Comer, whose home was once in Fort Wayne, the trail leading through many parts of the United States and even to South America—the hunted man worked awhile on a steamer plying between these continents. Early this winter Boley was ready to go to Marion to get Comer where he was in jail, but the quarry bought himself a Stutz automobile while behind the bars and escaped through the basement, by riding a dumb waiter, it was reported. A few days ago Comer's wanderings again brought him to Marion and Boley was there for him before any dumb waiter or prisoners' device liberated him.

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CRAWFORD LAUDS ROAD WORK HERE

Lauds Spirit Shown In Donating Right-Of-Way For Ft. Wayne Road

In a letter to J. H. Heller, acknowledging receipt of the agreement for the donation of the right-of-way for the improvement of the Decatur-Fort Wayne road from this city to the Allen county line, north of Decatur, Earl Crawford, state highway commissioner lauds the fine spirit of unselfishness and public-spiritedness shown by the abutting property owners, and the committee which secured the signatures of the farmers along the road.

Mr. Crawford in his letter stated that the agreements would be turned over to Mr. Kinkle, the state engineer, and that the letting of the contract for the improvement of the road would be advertised in the very near future.

His letter to Mr. Heller is as follows:

"Dear Sir:

"I have received your letter of the 15th containing the right-of-way agreements and I want to thank you for your hearty co-operation in this matter. It speaks mighty well for the efficiency of your Good Roads Organization and the Industrial Association in your community.

"I am sure that with such co-operation as this from your community, it is a pleasure to try and work out the ways and means to carry forward this work at the earliest possible moment and in the least amount of time.

"I have turned these right-of-way agreements over to Mr. Hinkle, our engineer in charge of the improvements in your locality, and they will help him in perfecting his plans for an early advertisement of his work.

"Yours truly,

"State Highway Commission,
"Earl Crawford,"
Commissioner.

Seek Whereabouts Of Former Australian

Fort Wayne, Jan. 17.—Police here are in receipt of a letter from the British consulate general, who seeks aid in locating Tasman Carey, who formerly lived, it is said at 646 Creighton avenue, and at the Palace hotel. Detectives were unable to find him at either address. The man's family lives in New South Wales, Australia, and his wife has not heard from him for nine months, the letter says.

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OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Security Company Holds Election; Herman Gillig New Manager

At the annual election of officers of the American Security company, held at the company's office on Monroe street last evening, the old officers were re-elected and Herman Gillig was elected manager of the company, succeeding Fred Kolter, who will become active manager of the Adams County Auto company of this city.

The old officers are, W. A. Kuebler, president; W. A. Klepper, vice-president; L. C. Waring, treasurer and Herman Gillig, secretary. Mr. Gillig has assumed his duties as manager of the Security company and Mr. Kolter, who has been identified with the Adams County Auto Company, local Ford agency, since it was purchased by a new company composed of L. C. Waring, C. S. Niblick and Mr. Kolter, will assume the management of the auto company on Monday.

Mr. Kolter will have his office at the garage and will be ready at all times to serve the many patrons of the Ford agency. Mr. Kolter was manager of the American Security company since it was organized in this city in March 1922. Mr. Gillig is a well-known citizen and for many years was one of the owners and general manager of the Fornax Milling company, whose mill was destroyed by fire last fall.

WYOMING GOVERNOR



CATHERINE PECK DIES AT HOSPITAL

Well-Known Preble Township Lady Succumbs To Attack Of Diabetes

Mrs. Catherine Speis Peck, age 63 years, well known resident of Preble township, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital at 4 o'clock this morning, following an illness of diabetes. Mrs. Peck was removed from her home near Magley to the hospital more than two weeks ago.

Mrs. Peck was a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. William Speis and was born in Detroit, Michigan, October 29, 1856. She came to Adams county in 1867, at which time her father took charge of the Reformed church congregation at Magley. On January 22, 1872, the deceased was married to Frederick Peck, who survives. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peck two of them having preceded their mother in death. Those surviving are August, at home; Otto and Mrs. August Kruetzmann, of Preble township; Mrs. Otto Schlickman of Decatur. Mrs. Peck is survived by five sisters, also they being Mrs. Mary Reppert, of Magley; Mrs. Charles Miller, of near Preble; Mrs. Emma Vitz, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Matilda Hagen, of California and Mrs. Hulda Diehl, of Lafayette.

Inaugural ceremonies, Spartan like in their severity and simplicity, marked the induction into office of the first woman governor of any commonwealth in the United States.

With a pledge placing her mental and physical faculties at the disposal of the people for the administration of affairs of state and calling for "divine guidance" to direct her, a woman, dressed in mourning for her husband, the late Gov. William B. Ross, stepped into the place made vacant by her death less than three months ago.

Among telegrams received was one from Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, of Texas, who, after Jan. 20, will share with Mrs. Ross the distinction of being a woman governor.

Rather singularly, the oath of office Monday was administered to Mrs. Ross by one of the men—Chief Justice C. N. Potter, of the Wyoming Supreme court—who on Sept. 30, 1889, drafted the clause granting equal rights to the women in the state.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 1 o'clock and from the Magley Reformed church, of which Mrs. Peck was a member, at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Engleman, officiating. Burial will be made in the Magley cemetery.

Undergoes Operation To Remove Cataract From Eye

W. W. Stewart, of Wren, Ohio, was in the city today, coming here from Fort Wayne where he accompanied his son-in-law, Al Hoover, of Conoy, Ohio, to the St. Joseph hospital. Mr. Hoover underwent an operation for the removal of a cataract on the eye. He is getting along nicely and it is thought that the operation will restore his sight to him.

Farmer Has Knee Hurt In Butchering Accident

Charles A. Bowman, St. Marys township farmer, is recovering from a painful injury suffered while butchering a hog four weeks ago. The hog made a lunge against Mr. Bowman's left leg, tearing the ligaments loose in the knee. Mr. Bowman spent four weeks in the house and today was the first time he was able to get away from home and visit the city. The injury is improving.

LEGISLATORS AT HOME TODAY

Preparing For Strenuous Session Next Week; Try For Speed

UNITED PRESS SERVICE Indianapolis, Jan. 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With their first week's work completed, most of the members of the seventy-fourth general assembly were back home today preparing for a strenuous session next week.

Heeding the admonitions of the incoming and outgoing administrations the legislators have attempted to speed up their work. Although the hoppers of the legislative mill were jammed with a total of ninety-seven bills, quick action has been given them by committees and eleven have been reported out for second reading.

Among the most important measures which is expected to go into second reading next week is the co-operative marketing bill. This was introduced in both houses Wednesday and committee has been considering it for the past three afternoons. A sub-committee was appointed Thursday and will make a report on any changes it sees fit to make in the bill in order that it would become workable as a law. The sub-committee completed its work late yesterday and is to report back to the full committee Monday. The full committee is then expected to make a report on houses on the bill either Wednesday or Thursday.

Root Township Lady Spends Week At Purdue

Miss Esther Fuhrman, president of the Root Township Home Economics Club, has returned from Lafayette where she spent the entire week, representing her club at the annual Agricultural Conference held at Purdue University.

Fair and colder Saturday; and Sunday fair and somewhat warmer.

Twenty-Four Have Paid 1924 Taxes Already

Twenty-four taxpayers in Adams county have already paid their spring installment of the 1924 taxes. County Treasurer Louis Kleine stated this morning. The tax receipts have been made up and Mr. Kleine and his deputy, Miss Anna Smith, are ready to receive payments any time property owners wish to make them. The county treasurer's office issues about 10,000 receipts during the year and the taxes this year will total \$954,000.

INSTITUTE AT BOBO WEDNESDAY

Annual St. Marys Township Farmers Institute At Bobo School

The annual St. Marys township farmers institute will be held at the Bobo school house next Wednesday, January 21. Three sessions will be held during the day and a splendid program has been prepared for each session.

The institute will open at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." The afternoon session will open at 1:30 o'clock and the evening session will begin at 7:30. The principal address at the morning and afternoon sessions will be given by H. R. Muller, of Cedar Grove, Indiana, and Mrs. Carl Tuttle, of Pleasant Lake. A miscellaneous program has been arranged for the evening session, including moving pictures, talks, songs, recital and a review of the day by the county agent.

Kermit F. Bower, is chairman of the institute. Lunch will be served at noon by the Ladies Aid of the Bobo Methodist church. Following is the program for the entire day:

Forenoon Session—9:30

Song "Star Spangled Banner"
Devotionals Rev. Murray

Hogs and Better Hogs" H. R. Muller, Cedar Grove, Ind.

Discussion "Potter and Clay" Mrs. Carl Tuttle, Pleasant Lake, Ind.

Discussion Afternoon Session—1:30

Song "America"
Devotionals Rev. Murray

"Some Problems in Rotation" H. R. Muller

Discussion "Life in a Rural Community" Mrs. Carl Tuttle

Discussion Electors of Officers

Evening Session—7:30

Song Calvary Male Quartette
Devotionals Rev. Murray

Moving Pictures County Agent

L. M. Busche

Song Methodist Mixed Quartette

Recitation Eldred Shiffler

Song Calvary Quartette

Talk O. L. Vance

Song Methodist Quartette

Review of Day L. M. Busche

PREBLE BANK HAS ELECTION

Old Directors Are Re-Elected; Only One Change In Officers

No change was made in the board of directors at Preble and only one change was made in the staff of officers, at the annual election held at the bank on Thursday. The directors of the bank were re-elected are, Albert Reppert, William Meyer, John Hoffman, August Conrad, John Miller, Ben Liniger and Charles Arnold.

Albert Reppert was re-elected president of the bank; William Meyer was elected vice-president, succeeding Jeff Klopfenstein of Fort Wayne, who retired from the board. The other officers who were re-elected were C. R. Smith, cashier; John Hoffman, assistant cashier, and Noah Arnold, teller.

The Farmers State Bank was organized in 1916. It has a paid up capital of \$25,000 and \$2,200 has been set aside in the surplus account. The bank enjoyed a healthy business during the year and the usual dividend was declared and paid. The Farmers State Bank was the scene of a hold-up on June 9, 1921 and Cashier Smith was shot in the chest by the bandits, who are now serving time in the state prison at Michigan City. Miss Edna Werling, who was employed as a bookkeeper at the bank, also was injured by the bullets which the bandits fired when Mr. Smith refused to give up the money they demanded.

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