

## SEEK TO LINK CHAPMAN WITH MANY CRIMES

Postal Inspectors Believe  
Captured Gunman Di-  
rected Many "Jobs"

## WANTED FOR MURDER

Indicted For Murder In  
Hartford, Conn., Today;  
Held Under Guard

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 20.—The grand jury today indicted Gerald Chapman, notorious mail robber, held in Indiana for first degree murder in connection with the slaying of a new Britain policeman last October during a store robbery.

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Postal authorities this afternoon began to unravel the clues to a series of postal robberies in Indiana thought to have been directed by Gerald Chapman, crook of international fame held in jail here awaiting return to Atlanta, Ga.

W. C. Ela, an inspector was sent to Muncie, Indiana, to join A. S. Kelley, another inspector, in investigating Chapman's alleged connection with the postoffice robberies.

Chapman, who was arrested in Muncie Sunday after a fight with Muncie policemen, was to be turned over to deputy wardens from the Atlanta penitentiary tonight for return there serving a sentence of 25 years for a \$2,000,000 mail robbery in New York.

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Five heavy steel doors and a cordon of deputy sheriffs at the Marion county jail today stood between Gerald Chapman, mail robber and safe blower, and any attempt to regain his freedom.

Fear that Chapman would try to break jail during the night caused Sheriff Hawkins to place the heaviest guard over Chapman that has ever watched an individual prisoner in the jail here.

The deputies stood watch throughout the night over the "bull pen" in which Chapman slept and the corridors leading to the jail entrance. Every door in the jail was locked and closely guarded.

Chapman is being held awaiting the arrival of two deputy wardens from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, from where he escaped a second time in April, 1924.

Ed Booth of south of the city was a business visitor in the city today.

## NOTED POET TO LECTURE HERE

Woman's Club To Bring  
William Herschell Here  
On February 24

William Herschell, poet and feature writer of the Indianapolis News, will deliver one of his interesting lectures to the members of Decatur Woman's club and their guests in this city on Tuesday, February 24, at the high school auditorium. Mr. Herschell has a wide reputation as one of Indiana's leading poets and has acquired for himself the title of "The James Whitcomb Riley of the Indianapolis News."

Besides writing poetry for the News, Mr. Herschell also has a feature page in the Saturday's edition and contributes many other interesting articles to this well-known publication. His lecture here will, no doubt, be a treat to all who have the privilege of hearing him. With a jovial personality, keen sense of humor and ability to say things and write in such a way as to make people think, his features and talks are greatly in demand.

The Woman's club of this city has set a standard for giving entertaining programs during the year and the engagement made with Mr. Herschell for February 24 is one of the popular ones in the 1925 program. Plans for entertaining Mr. Herschell and for the meeting are now being made by the committee.

## Wilbur Fetters Is Released From Jail

Celina, Ohio, Jan. 20.—Wilbur (Dick) Fetters who plead guilty to manslaughter, in connection with the murder of Ed. Moyer in August 1922, was released from the county jail Saturday, January 17. Fetters was placed in jail in April, 1924, and after pleading guilty several months ago was given a sentence of one to 20 years to the Ohio State reformatory at Mansfield, which was suspended on account of his wife and child.

## "WIN MY FRIEND WEEK" IS OPENED

Special Services Being Held  
At United Brethren  
Church This Week

"Win My Friend Week" opened with splendid interest at the United Brethren church last night. The program was in charge of Miss Zelma Stevens, president of the Christian Endeavor Society. Rev. H. W. Thompson, pastor of the Christian church, brought the message of the evening, which was most helpful and inspiring. A special instrumental solo was given by Miss Ireta Fisher. Following is the program for the remainder of the week:

**Tuesday**  
Frank Bohne, leader. Topic: "Every Christian youth winning a friend to Christ."

**Wednesday**  
Speaker, C. D. Teeple.  
Mrs. Drake, leader. Topic "Our Juniors."

**Thursday**  
Mrs. O. P. Mills, leader. Topic: "Every Unsung Youth Shown the Peril of Neglect." Speaker, Rev. B. N. Covert.

**Friday**  
O. P. Mills, leader. Topic: "Every Converted Youth Helped to Grow in Grace." Speaker, Rev. P. D. White.

Services begin at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Interest Growing At Church Of God Services

The services at the Church of God are increasing in both interest and attendance. The Sunday School is growing and nearly every member was present at the Sunday morning service last Sunday. The new pastor, Rev. E. A. Ball, preached a fine sermon on the subject of "Justification." His subject for Sunday evening was "What Think Ye of Christ." The Young People's meetings and also the Wednesday evening prayer services are well attended and the work in general is growing. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## Elks To Give Dance Here Friday Evening

The Elks lodge will give its second dance of the present year Friday night, January 23, at the Knights of Columbus hall. Music will be furnished by a traveling six-piece orchestra known as the "Balloon Chasers." The orchestra comes here highly recommended. The dance will be a public affair and dancing circles from other cities as well as local dancers are invited to attend. The Elks gave a beautiful dance at the Masonic hall during the Christmas holidays and a large crowd attended. The dance Friday night promises to be a delightful affair.

## Seeking Increase In Mortgage Exemptions

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—Assertion by Senator Russell B. Harrison of Indianapolis and John J. Brown, chairman of the state board of tax commissioners, that increasing the mortgage exemption on real estate from \$1,000 to \$2,000 would result in \$8,000,000 tax reduction were denied today by Senator Lamber of Columbus, author of bill.

"The decrease will be approximately \$900,000," said Senator Lambert. "Some of those statements are ridiculous and I am going to show up Brown's figures on the floor of the senate."

"The state tax board is against any and all decreases in income from taxes, because that is always the attitude of bureaucrats and commissioners. I have figures to show that last year the \$1,000 exemption took off only \$136,000 assessed valuation."

## DIRECTORS MEET MONDAY EVENING

Election Of Officers Of In-  
dustrial Association Is  
Scheduled

A meeting of the directors of the Decatur Industrial Association will be held next Monday evening at the Association rooms for the purpose of electing officers for the year. The three directors who were elected at the annual meeting on January 12 will assume office and six old directors will hold over for another year.

Avon Burk, in the capacity of president, has been at the helm of activities of the Industrial Association during the past year, and France Conter, who has served as secretary of the Association, is also one of the directors who was re-elected.

The directors of the Association are: Avon Burk, France Conter, C. E. Peterson, John Carmody, George Krick, Oscar Lankenau, Hugh Hite, Will Linn and A. R. Holthouse. Following the election of officers, plans will be made for carrying out the junior farmers program which the Association adopted at the annual meeting.

## Two More Arrested In Jazz Maniac Case

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Another man and a girl were under arrest here today in connection with the mad career of Dorothy Ellington, which ended in her confession that she killed her mother.

Emil Kreuter, trap drummer, and Catherine Hoseman, friend of Dorothy and ward of the juvenile court, were held after they told police a story of a party they attended with Dorothy 12 hours after she is alleged to have killed her mother.

Kreuter is charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors and the girl is held for the juvenile court.

## COMER'S HEARING OPENED MONDAY

Mrs. John Harmon Identifies  
Prisoner As Man  
Who Robbed Her

Van Wert, Ohio, Jan. 20.—Although Roy F. Comer was seated with four other young men, Mrs. John Harmon did not hesitate Monday morning in identifying him as one of the men who entered her home near Wren and robbed her on June 14, 1924. Comer is in the county jail on a warrant charging him with this robbery and his hearing before Squire A. C. Gilpin was started Monday. The only witnesses called were Mr. and Mrs. Harmon. Attorney Postnauht, appearing for the defendant, requested that the hearing be continued until 1 p. m., Tuesday, in order that other witnesses unavailable yesterday might be called. This was granted.

Because of the crowd which gathered to hear the testimony, Squire Gilpin moved his court to the common pleas room. The hearing was set for 9 o'clock but Comer was not brought into the room until 10:30. His sister, Mrs. Eva Rauner, of Fort Wayne was in the room and the alleged bandit exchanged a few words with her when he entered.

**Aged Man First**

Prosecutor John I. Miller put John Harmon on the stand first and the witness gave his version of the events of the robbery. He was milking, he said, when a man entered the barn and asked if he had any gasoline. After considerable conversation the man grabbed him and pointed a gun at him, he testified. Then he was pushed into a tool shed with the aid of a second man whose face he did not see, his hands tied behind his back and his cap pulled over his eyes. Later after the men had gone, he released himself and ran to the home of Bert Bowen for help, Mr. Harmon testified.

Attorney Postnauht, with the permission of the court, brought four men from the audience and seated them near Comer. This was done before Mr. Harmon started his testimony.

When asked if he could pick out any men in the room who were in the barn, Mr. Harmon picked out

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## NEW SENATOR



Lieut. Gov. Hiram Bingham  
The above picture presents Lieut. Gov. Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, who was recently appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late United States Senator Brandegee of Connecticut.

## SERIOUSLY HURT IN FALL TODAY

Adam Buettel, Local Tailor,  
Breaks Hip In Fall On  
Icy Pavement

Adam Buettel, well-known tailor of this city, was seriously injured shortly before noon today when he slipped and fell on the icy street at the corner of Madison and Second streets. His left hip was broken and his left shoulder was badly bruised and wrenched. He was removed to his home on South Third street and later was taken to the Adams County Memorial hospital.

Mr. Buettel, who is well advanced in age, planned to eat dinner up town today and eliminate the walk over the icy streets to his home and back to his tailor shop, which is located over the Peoples Loan and Trust company bank, corner of Second and Madison streets. He had just started across Madison street when his feet slipped and he fell heavily to the pavement. Other pedestrians hurried to his assistance and helped him to his feet but he was unable to walk. He was helped into James Sprague's automobile and removed to his home, where he was examined by a physician.

## TRUST COMPANY HOLDS ELECTION

Old Directors And Officers  
Re-Elected By Peoples  
Loan & Trust Co.

The old board of directors and the old officers were re-elected at the tenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples Loan & Trust Company, held in the bank building, corner of Second and Madison streets this morning. E. E. Zimmerman, resigned as a member of the board of directors and it was decided to have seven members on the board instead of eight, which has been the usual number.

The board of directors of the bank is composed of M. Kirsch, H. M. Gillig, C. L. Walters, C. E. Bell, and W. A. Lower, all of this city and Charles Schwartz and J. A. Long, both of Portland. The officers of the bank are M. Kirsch, president; H. M. Gillig, vice-president; W. A. Lower, secretary; and Miss Fanny B. Hite, assistant secretary.

The usual dividends were declared by the bank today. The institution has enjoyed good business during the past year and the outlook for the future was reported to be bright. The Peoples Loan & Trust company was organized here in 1914 and, opened for business on January 2, 1915. The total resources of the bank are \$500,000 the capital stock is \$50,000 and the surplus is \$8,000.

**CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE**  
Wheat: May \$1.90½; July \$1.67½; Sept. \$1.55. Corn: May \$1.36½; July \$1.36½; Sept. \$1.36½. Oats: May, 63½c; July 63½c; Sept. 59½c.

## Weather

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; somewhat colder tonight.

## ACCUSE SENATOR IN LIQUOR CASE

Sen. Edwards, New Jersey,  
Accused Of Being Head  
Of Liquor Ring

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 20.—Senator Edward I. Edwards, of New Jersey, was flatly accused of receiving \$3,000 in payment for delivery of 100 cases of Scotch whiskey by a witness in the Weehawken rum running trial here today.

Lionel Wilson, an agent of the treasury department, said he believed Senator Edwards the head of the bootlegging ring. Wilson was a witness today in the trial of ten Weehawken policemen and two civilians.

Wilson's story under direct examination was to the effect that he met William Griffin, alleged bootleg leader, at various times between July and November 1923 "to make a deal to buy Scotch whiskey."

Griffin told him he said, that he was connected with Senator Edwards.

"In November I called at Senator Edwards' home by appointment," the witness declared, despite frantic objections by defense counsel which were overruled.

"I met Senator Edwards and was with him for two hours. Griffin was present. I made arrangements to have 100 cases of Scotch delivered. After my arrangements with Senator Edwards at his home in Caldwell, N. J., I and my partner, Charles Hurlbut, called at his bank, saw Senator Edwards and, in my presence Hurlbut handed the senator \$3,000 for 100 cases of Scotch."

"No doubt United States Senator Edwards is a bootlegger, in your opinion," the witness was asked.

"Certainly—Edwards was the bootlegger in my transaction," Wilson replied firmly.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Senator Edward I. Edwards, New Jersey dem-

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## TO TRY TYPHOID FEVER SUIT HERE

Suit Resulting From Epi-  
demic In Ft. Wayne To  
Be Tried Here

Among the most important law suits scheduled to come up for trial in the Adams circuit court during the February term, which will open on Monday, February 2, is the suit brought by the Herman Bauermeister estate against the city of Fort Wayne and the Pennsylvania railroad company, as a result of the typhoid fever epidemic which occurred in Ft. Wayne last winter, will go on trial before a jury here on February 23. Judgement for \$10,000 damages is demanded by the administrator of Mr. Bauermeister's estate.

A host of the damage suits came on the heels of a typhoid epidemic of last winter when a number of persons died and others had severe sieges of sickness. Some of the cases are brought by the estates of those who died of the illness. Others were filed by persons who recovered, but who claim damages are due because their health was impaired, they were put to great expense for medical attention and lost time from their employment.

The trial here will be a three-cornered affair with the city of Fort Wayne and Pennsylvania railroad represented by separate attorneys and denying guilt of negligence.

The theory of the complaints is that the typhoid epidemic was spread by the failure of a valve in the Pennsylvania railroad shops to function. It permitted raw, polluted river water to enter the city mains and be distributed to families in the southeastern part of the city, it is alleged. Both defendants were negligent in permitting the use of that sort of a valve and in not seeing that it operated properly, it is contended.

It is probable that the outcome of the first trial will determine the disposition of all of the other suits. Eggeman, Reed & Cleland and Ira M. Shouffer, of Fort Wayne, are attorneys for the Bauermeister estate and represent the plaintiffs in practically all of the other suits. Guy Colerick will defend the city and Leonard, Rose & Zollars the railroad company.

## Wants Longer Protection For Fur-Bearing Animals

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)  
Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—A bill making it unlawful to trap fur-bearing animals until after November 20 instead of November 10, as the law now provides, will be introduced in the state house of representatives by Representative Carter, of Salem.

Carter said such a measure in furs and is approved by the department of conservation.

## CREAMERIES CO. HOLDS ELECTION

Cloverleaf Creameries Elect  
Old Directors And  
Officers

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cloverleaf Creameries, Inc., held at the home office in this city, the old board of directors and the same officers were re-elected. The directors of the Creamery company are: W. A. Klepper, Decatur; E. L. Martin, Huntington; H. P. Markle, Huntington; N. R. Holthouse and Heber Humbarger, Decatur. The officers are, E. L. Martin, president; W. A. Klepper, vice-president and general manager; H. P. Markle, treasurer and N. R. Holthouse, secretary.

The Cloverleaf Creameries, Inc., is one of the progressive concerns of Decatur and its product, "Coverleaf Brand" butter, has gained as wide reputation throughout the country. In the eastern cities namely Cleveland, Pittsburgh, New York and other places, several carloads of butter are sold every week.

During the past year the local plant manufactured approximately 2,750,000 pounds of butter and paid to the farmers in the local territory for butter fat about \$900,000.

Before the Cloverleaf Creameries created the demand for butterfat, the dairy business in this county was not half of what it is today. Recently, it has grown to large proportions and is now one of the leading industries in the country. Besides the local plant, the company owns large creameries at Huntington and Marion, Indiana.

## Hawkins' Hearing Is Opened At Dayton, O.

Dayton, O., Jan. 20.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Preliminary hearing for Morton S. Hawkins, who is under federal indictment in connection with an alleged \$20,000,000 stock-swindle was begun today before U. S. Commissioner Andrew S. Iddings. Several weeks ago Hawkins was granted a continuand and subsequently was released on bond of \$20,000.

Following the arrest of Hawkins, Fred W. Warner, Marion, Ohio, attorney announced he will fight the removal of his client to Indianapolis, where the indictment was returned. Hawkins is charged with conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

In the event commissioner Iddings, finding the defendant over to the grand jury at Indianapolis an application for a warrant of removal will be heard before Judge Smith Kickenlooper at Cincinnati tonight. It was indicated at noon that a decision may be reached this afternoon.

## Funeral For W. F. Rice Here Wednesday Morning

Funeral services for W. F. Rice, former Decatur resident who died suddenly at his home in Gideon, Missouri, early Sunday morning, will be held from the home of his brother, B. J. Rice, 237 North Fifth street, at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, the Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

Mr. Rice's death is believed to have been caused by gas fumes from the furnace in the basement of his home at Gideon. He had gone to the furnace to fire the furnace and his lifeless body was found there later. The body arrived in this city at 5:10 o'clock this morning and was taken to the B. J. Rice home. The body was accompanied here by Mr. Rice's son, Kenyon, and M. S. Anderson, of Gideon.

The regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus was held last evening and an enjoyable meeting was held. A program was also given by the January committee.

## SEN. NEJDL IS WINNER IN TEST ON LEADERSHIP

Stormy Session Held In  
Upper House Of Legis-  
lature Today

## PARTY LINES BROKEN

Several Bills Are Advanced  
To Second And Third  
Reading

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—In a stormy session of the upper house of the state legislature, Senator James J. Nedjl, of Whiting, today won out in his first test of power as leader of the republican forces in the senate.

The fight came on the motion of Senator Perkins, Indianapolis, democrat, to amend the rules so that bills could not be brought up for reconsideration after indefinite postponement in committee in the senate.

Party lines were swept away when Senator Daily, of Indianapolis, and a group of republican senators supporting him, deserted ranks and voted with the democrats in considering the Perkins motion.

Daily bitterly opposed Nedjl in republican party caucus preceding opening of the legislature, for selection as President protem of the senate.

Shaking his finger in the face of Senator Daily, Nedjl insisted that the fight being made to amend the rules was a challenge of his leadership.

"Whether these rules are amended or not is immaterial to me" thundered Nedjl. "The whole question settles down to this. It is a fight to determine who is the leader of the majority."

Turing to Daily, Nedjl said: "You are a member of the rules committee. Take them and amend them if you want to. I don't care."

After a lengthy debate the Perkins motion opposed by Nedjl with the regular republicans lining up behind him was voted down 27 to 23.

Three bills were advanced to third reading in the senate and the same number to third reading in the house. House bills which went to third reading, included the measure to increase exemptions on real estate mortgages from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and the bill providing for a re-assessment of all real estate in Indiana this year instead of in 1926.

Bills advanced to third reading in the senate included, Senator English's bill to provide strongest penalties for

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## RADIO FUND IS GROWING NICELY

Merchants On South Second  
Street Donate Liberally;  
Total \$145.75

The fund being raised here to purchase radio receiving sets for the blind residents of the city received a fine boost yesterday afternoon when Charles Colter, and R. J. Harting, leaders in the movement, canvassed the business houses on Second street, between Jefferson and Monroe streets and received a total of \$58.50. This amount, added to the previous total and a donation of \$1 received at the Daily Democrat office, makes a grand total of \$145.75 received in the fund to date.

This afternoon, Messrs. Colter and Harting planned to canvas the business houses on North Second street and tomorrow probably will visit the factories. Two hundred dollars or more is still needed to make the fund large enough to provide sets for the six blind residents of the city. Several citizens and business firms have given \$5 and \$10 to the fund and several more similar contributions are wanted. The Knights of Columbus lodge took up a collection last night for the fund and today turned over \$7 to Messrs. Colter and Harting, unsolicited.

Following are the latest contributions:

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