

## 'BEST MOTHER' AS 'SOB STUFF' FAILS IN COURT

Eugene Duvall, 26, Behind Bars Dozen Years, Gets 5 to 14 More.

### BOGUS FAINT FOLLOWS

A man's love for his mother never for-sakes him.

"I have the best mother in the world." So pleaded Eugene Duvall, 26, of Marion, Ind., charged with attempting to assault a taxicab driver with intent to rob, in asking leniency today from Judge James Collins of the criminal court.

"I have spent twelve years of my life behind prison bars," he said with emotion. "My conduct in killing my mother. Give me a chance to make her happy."

He pleaded.

"I never had a chance. Always behind prison bars. Help me," he pleaded.

Judge Collins, knowing that Duvall had pulled the same "sob stuff" before other courts, sentenced him to from five to ten years in the Indiana reformatory.

### QUICKLY RECOVERS FROM 'FAINT.'

Duvall rose slowly from his chair, staggered to the edge of the witness box and fell, apparently in a faint, on the floor.

Other officers who have seen Duvall "faulst" in other courts carried him to an anteroom of the court. As soon as the court instructed Dr. Robinson, county coroner, to attend him, Duvall suddenly showed signs of life and was able to walk to the jail.

The emotional plea of Duvall was the most dramatic event staged in the criminal court for the last five years, court attaches said.

Duvall's mother is seriously ill at her home in Marion and through friends she asked the court not to pass sentence on her boy until she was able to appear some time next week.

Patrick Murphy, 339 North Beville avenue, on the evening of Feb. 13 at Illinois and Washington streets.

### TAXI DRIVER TELLS OF DEATH THREAT.

Murphy, a taxi driver, Duvall and another man, now said to be dead, engaged him to drive them to Anderson, Ind., and that after starting to leave the city Duvall suddenly put a revolver against his side and instructed him to drive on.

Murphy drove instead toward the business district and at Washington and Illinois streets made the wrong turn and put a bullet in his motor.

Murphy testified that Duvall told him he would kill him if he made an outcry.

Officer Judkins went to the machine to see why the driver disobeyed the traffic rules, and when he pulled back the curtains Duvall and Murphy were fighting over the possession of a revolver.

Duvall admitted that he and a man named Walter J. Fisher, now said to be dead, engaged Murphy to drive them to Anderson. Duvall freely admitted that he and Fisher intended "pulling off a \$6,000 job there."

### DENIES BEING ENRIGHT'S PARTNER.

Duvall denied that he was a partner of Morris Enright, who is now being held in the state prison in Illinois. He admitted forming Enright's acquaintance while in prison in Illinois.

Duvall will be taken within a few days to the reformatory and will be closely watched until the transfer is made from the jail to the state institution, the authorities stated.

## Nothing in Signs; Painless' Hits Man

TOPEKA, Kas., March 20.—W. C. Markham does not believe signs have a meaning. A heavy advertising sign of a local dentist, labeled "Painless Romulus" fell from a building, knocking Markham down, severely cutting and bruising him.

### Marriage Licenses

John Elbig, 38, laborer, 418 Abbott street, and Yawter, 41, 415 Abbott street. Robert Sidenbender, 42, farmer, Marion, O., and Helen Munson, 39, Paris Hill. D. A. Baker, 20, timekeeper, 823 Cable street and Helen Osting, 17, 125 Kuchens street, Des Moines.

Charles S. Durrell, 40, salesman, Rosehill, Ind., and Lillian S. Newton, 40, 616 East Twenty-first street.

Roscoe Kenworthy, 27, farmer, Clayton, Ind., and Fannie Viola Corday, 25, West Newton, Ind.

W. H. Nolen, 24, timekeeper, 823 Cable street and Helen Osting, 17, 125 Kuchens street, Des Moines.

William Victory, 21, steam engineer, St. Louis, and Anna Rummel, 20, 223 North Believue place, Des Moines.

William H. Stewart, 23, night watchman, 415 West Vermont street, and Jessie Johnson, 20, 925 Twelfth Avenue. Robert E. Alley, 21, 1000 Franklin Park, 124 East New York street, and Bertha May Smith, 33, 490 North Dearborn street.

Robert Williams, 22, laborer, 1706 Yandies street and Emma M. White, 23, North Whittier place.

Louis P. Simons, 59, plumber, 1194 North Franklin street, and Anna Simon, 32, 229 Market street, Des Moines.

Joseph Goldberg, 29, switchboard operator, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Margaret LeFurge, 27, 1837 Broadway.

Harold Williams, 22, clerk, 414 North Illinois street and Eleanor Gaynor, 22, 1532 Garfield place.

Frank Colson, 30, machinist, 307 West Ohio street and Madge Jackson, 29, 104 Rockwell Avenue.

### Births

George and Clara Zahn, 68 Carson, Joseph and Ross Knust, Deaconess hospital, boy.

Frank and Agnes Rayer, 735 Ketcham, boy.

Tony and Anna Voss, 321 East Henry, boy.

William and Elva Gabbert, 140 Wisconsin, girl.

Robert and Mary Randall, 2130 South Delaware, boy.

John and Ella Wilson, 971 West Washington, girl.

Myles and Josephine Jennings, 1511 Columbia, boy.

Jeremiah and Anna Calahan, 906 West Morris, boy.

Roy and Eleanor Stewart, 217 East Wyoming, girl.

Robert and Gertrude Sponzel, 824 Parkway, boy.

Frank and Effie Froh, 840½ Virginia, girl.

Leroy and Cecilia Hart, 229 East Thirtieth, boy.

Halli and Helen Waltman, 734 Prospect, girl.

### Deaths

William Benson, 8, 838 California, cerebral spinal meningitis.

James A. Duthie, 66, Central Indiana hospital, boy.

Frank M. Page, 62, 239½ East Walnut, mitral insufficiency.

Melvin Lee Williams, 2, 724 North Capitol, pneumonia.

Halli E. Holley, 19, 12½ Herbert, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Rebecca Atkins, 40, 538 Bright, acute enteritis.

Thomas Johnson McAfee, 48, 1530 North Senate, acute cardiac dilatation.

William M. Locke, 85, 1023 North Illinois, chronic interstitial nephritis.

## Triple War Widow Gets Fat Benefit

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Amanda Smith-Jones-Tackson, whose address is held secret by the war risk bureau in Washington, was married three times to soldiers, and during the war was three times made a widow. The United States government now sends her three checks every month, each for \$37.50, or \$172.50 a month, and will continue to send that amount for the next twenty years.

## CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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## RAPS SPOILING CITY'S BEAUTY

### Business Man Scores Commercializing North Meridian.

It is time for representative business men of the city to join hands in an effort to stop the commercializing of North Meridian street, according to R. Barlow Hatfield, president of the Hatfield Commercial Company.

In a letter to the park board, Mr. Hatfield protested against the service station and the assembly plant now under contemplation for building at the corner of Meridian street and Maple Road boulevard. He also advocated a zoning system for the entire city.

The idea of a city zoning commission, prescribing exclusive residence and exclusive factory districts, was first suggested during a controversy over the proposed building of the Texaco-Hunt Motors Company assembly plant at Thirtieth and Meridian streets.

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