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## 2 GIRLS FACE CHECK CHARGES

Statement of One Defendant  
Indicates Others May Be Implicated.

"If I go to prison somebody else will go with me," declared pretty Dorothy Bowen, 16, alleged fraudulent check writer, as she defied detectives who were questioning her about checks she was accused of having cashed at night.

Max Cowen, Zeina, and Jordon, 17, alias Cossell, living at Stop 5, T. H. I. & E. traction line, were arrested by operatives of the Quigley Hyland detective agency at the Federal building late Friday. They are charged with passing fraudulent checks.

Seven weeks ago Miss Bowen was arrested in company with a man in an automobile at Riverside Park, accused of having cashed checks to city court, and pleaded guilty to a charge of public indecency. Two weeks ago the girl was arrested by operatives of the Quigley-Hyland agency, who alleged she passed seven worthless checks on Indianapolis merchants for a total amount of \$300.

While awaiting trial she was released on bond signed by Louis Brown, Republican political worker and professional boxer, who agreed to stand trial and vote for the "good girl" when she was tried.

The police did not hear of the Bowen girl again until yesterday, when three merchants reported worthless checks had been cashed by two girls. One was cashed by the W. K. Stewart Company. The girl purchased fancy shoes worth \$44 at a Pennsylvania street shoe store, and also bought \$60 worth of silk "underwear" at another store. The total of the checks passed yesterday will reach more than \$100.

The girls had three valuable silk dresses which the detectives describe as "far past their speed," and which the police say were probably obtained in Terre Haute. The pair told of a visit to Terre Haute, and to Bloomington, Ind. They also related their experiences on many automobile rides, expensive suppers at road houses with men, and the detectives and women police today started an investigation of these stories.

## Horseless Farming in Bartholomew

Special to The Times.  
COLUMBUS, Ind., April 9.—No horses will be allowed in the corn field of Charles Peterson, who lives near here, this year. Peterson plans to do the entire work of planting, cultivating and harvesting the crop with power machinery.

"Horses nip the tops out of the young corn stocks as they go along and cause big loss to the crop," Peterson states.

He says that he will cultivate corn four feet tall with a tractor that has only a foot of clearance from the ground, claiming that the corn will spring up again after the tractor has passed over it.

Tractors are being used to some extent in this county for spring plowing, but most farmers believe that horse power is the only thing for cultivation.

## Frankfort Boy Wins in Debating Contest

Special to The Times.  
TIPTON, Ind., April 9.—In the Ninth district principal, Frank D. Irvin, held his city Friday night to decide who would represent the district in the Indiana University contest to be held in about two weeks. Donald Irvin of Frankfort won first honors, according to the unanimous decision of the judges.

The topic for discussion, which was selected by Indiana University, was "A Solution to the Housing Problem."

John Johnson, who spoke for two hours by the judges, and Ruth Campbell of Tipton ran third. The Tipton High School Orchestra and Glee Club, which is considered one of the best in the State, furnished music for the occasion.

## Purdue Professor Gets State Berth

Prof. William K. Hatt, head of the engineering school at Purdue University, has been appointed chief of the division of engineering of the State Board of Education. The division of engineering was created at the last session of the Legislature. Professor Hatt will continue as a member of the faculty of Purdue.

He has been connected with Purdue University since 1892. He served as an associate member of the naval consulting board during the war and was chief engineer of the Indiana flood commission in 1915 and 1916.

## Privacy, Policy of City Women Police

The policy of the women's police department is to protect the women and girls from the publicity attached to court proceedings, was the statement of Clara K. Burnsides, captain of women police, at the weekly luncheon of the Optimist Club at the Claypool Hotel Friday.

She said: "We have never met with a case from the public we have never met with a refusal on the part of any woman or girl who comes under our care to remedy her ways. Out of the entire 4,660 cases handled last year, not one refused to comply with our requests."

## Tipton Bankers Aiding City Against Robbery

Special to The Times.  
TIPTON, Ind., April 9.—Local banks have received support of 38-cylinder army Colt revolvers which will be displayed among the merchants of the city for protection in case of an attempted robbery.

They are arranging a system of alarms to be used in such a manner that at the first signal many armed men will immediately respond and hurry to the rescue. Individual banks already are protected by first-class burglar systems.

### FINED FOR LARCENY.

Vernon Saylor, living in the National Hotel, 302 South Illinois street, was fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to serve five days in jail by Henry Abrams, judge pro tem, in city court, Friday afternoon, on a charge of petit larceny. Two other charges of petit larceny against Saylor were continued to May 1. Judge Abrams said Saylor was arrested by Detectives Golder and Sullivan recently and is charged with stealing cuff buttons and a tie valued at \$9 from a house where he had lived.

### HELD ON ARSON CHARGE.

NOELVILLE, Ind., April 9.—Grover Hinchman is under arrest on the charge of arson. He was indicted on \$1,000 bond. When the officers searched his home a few days ago they found several gallons of home-made whisky and some corn mash. The night following the house was destroyed by fire and the officers believe the flames were of incendiary origin.

## FILLING STATION BANDITS' WORK BAFFLES POLICE

Continued Hold-ups Leads to Belief of Organized Gang Work.

### TWO TRIALS LAST NIGHT

The successful robbery of a gasoline filling station last night and an unsuccessful attempt at another place showed that the "filling station bandits" still are managing to elude the police. Not since the scores of holdups that marked the advent of the new year have the offenders been so baffled by what they believe to be a well organized gang of highwaymen.

The crimes last night brought the total of filling stations up to seven that have been visited by the bandits in the last few nights.

The first hold-up call last night was received at 6:30 o'clock at public headquarters. Two men entered a filling station at Kentucky avenue and Stock street and covered Loran Abram, 17, the night man at the station, with a revolver. One of the bandits removed \$26.24 from the cash drawer while Abram was forced to stand with his back to the wall. The men escaped in a big high-powered automobile, the driver of which remained at the wheel while his "pals" entered the Hog Ford Baptist Church on Gander creek, and the fish have all moved back a safe distance.

## BUILDING TRUST QUIZ ON MONDAY

300 Witnesses Will Face Federal Jury.

The same men attempted to loot a filling station at Kentucky avenue and Hardin street at 9:40 o'clock.

Boyer Lake, 1544 South Hardin street, night man at the filling station, told the police that he saw three men acting in a suspicious manner. Two crossed the street and asked him for tobacco, and later returned and repeated the request. The two then returned to their "pal," who was waiting for them on the corner of the street. The robbers became frightened when Frank Mosier, owner of the station, who was at the place with Lake, went outside and fired a 45-caliber revolver in the air four times to attract attention.

Two of the men went south on Hardin street and the other one walked two blocks from the filling station, where he got into an automobile and drove toward the north.

Harry Lord, 1546 South Hardin street, followed the man until he entered the automobile. He gave the police a description of the men which is similar to the description of the bandits that held up the Nowlin filling station earlier in the night.

On Wednesday night a burglar broke into the Nowlin station and stole a revolver. The man who held the gun was recognized by a member of the gang to be sure that it would not be used against them when they staged the "nick up."

MANY VICTIMS.

Other places visited by the bandit gang during the last few weeks are the Englewood School station on Speedway avenue, the Standard Oil station at Thrift and Meridian streets, where they took \$100; the station at 1001 East Washington street, where the robbers were frightened away and escaped after a thrilling automobile race on Washington street with a police car Saturday night; the successful robbery at the Silver Flash station at Maple Road and Buckle street, next door to a police station. There the bandits escaped in a big automobile, later recovered by the police and the successful holdup planned Thursday night when the automobile bandits left before robbing the filling station at Washington and Gadsden streets.

Special to The Times.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., April 9.—Five Rushville motorists have reported attempted hold-ups to the local officials, declaring that they were stopped on different nights this week on the Brookville pike, near the Hawthorne stop just east of Indianapolis. The matter, as far as the local people were concerned, has not been reported to the Indianapolis police.

Frank McElwaine, John D. Stewart, E. R. Cassidy and J. T. Arbuckle, driving separate machines and on different nights this week, were stopped near the eastern edge of Indianapolis by a lone bandit, who flashed a revolver in his hand. None of the drivers were asked to hand over anything, but the occupants of the machine in each case were scrutinized, and not a word spoken by the man.

After examining the people and the machine, he was motioned to proceed.

In each case the people were badly frightened, and local motorists have been warned to guard themselves while leaving the eastern suburbs of Indianapolis. Several Rushville motorists who attended theater parties in Indianapolis Friday night pursued another route home, and several machines went in pairs.

## Gets 1 to 5 Years on Forgery Charge

Special to The Times.

SHIELSBYVILLE, Ind., April 9.—Charles Feahney, 32, charged with having passed a fraudulent check for \$5 at the Morris & Bird grocery store in this city was indicted on a charge of petit larceny in the Shelby Circuit Court today. He was fined \$100 and was sentenced to serve one to five years in the Indiana State Prison.

The request of Feahney that he be permitted to remain here until next week, in order that he may see his mother, who is expected to arrive here from her home at New Orleans, La., was granted by Judge Blair. Feahney was arrested at Louisville, Ky., and held in the local authorities for almost a year. It was stated he traveled over the country under a number of aliases, one of which was given in passing the worthless check here. Feahney is said to be the son of a wealthy New Orleans (La.) wholesale grocer. He is well educated and also particular, having made a complaint when placed in the jail here that it was not a fit place for a "gentleman."

VETS OF MANY WARS WILL HONOR DEAD

Special to The Times.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Ernest Lane, star hero of the "Sells-Floot Circus" and aerialist dies in fall.

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SEEKS SECLUSION IN STENOTYPE CASE

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SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL WILL EXPEL CHARLES

PARIS, April 9.—The Swiss federal council has decided to expel ex-Emperor Charles of Austria from Switzerland, says a Geneva dispatch to "Echo De Paris."

HONOR FOUNDER'S MEMORY.

The Dennis Brothers' Bag Company and its auxiliary, the Indianapolis Bag Company, were closed today out of respect for the memory of the founder of the company, Judson M. Dennis, who died at his home at Boston, Mass., April 6, and whose funeral was held today. The company owns and operates eleven large bag manufacturing plants in various parts of the country, as well as several cotton mills.

### TO NAME FRANKLIN SCHOOL.

SHIELSBYVILLE, Ind., April 9.—A proposal to name the new Franklin street school building and the new physical training and agricultural building in this city after two Shelby County men who have brought fame to this community was discussed by the Shelbyville school board at its meeting Friday. It has been suggested that the physical training building be known as the "Thomas C. and Charles A. Franklin Physical Training and Agricultural Building," and the school building the "Charles A. Major Grade School," in honor of the author who lived here all his life and whose books are nationally known.

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## DOG HILL PARAGRAFS



## MINERS VIEW U. S. POINT IN BRITISH CRISIS

Britain Wants Thing for Which Americans Were Indicted, Is Assertion.

The British miners do the thing for which Americans were indicted, is assertion. Dr. Samuel Moffit of the Presbyterian board of missions, who is on a speaking tour for the mission board of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Moffit formerly was a resident of Indiana, and has recently returned to the United States on a year's leave of absence, after thirty-one years in missionary work in the Orient.

He expressed the opinion that the Chinese race is the coming one of the Orient.

The statement follows:

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