

CHAPMAN TO BE TAKEN BACK TO FEDERAL PRISON

U. S. Wardens on Way to
Get Notorious Bandit
Captured by Police at
Muncie, Ind.

MADE ESCAPE IN 1923
Staged \$2,000,000 Hold-up
in New York—Murder
Also Charged.

Two deputy wardens from Atlanta, (Ga.) Federal Prison were on their way to Indianapolis this afternoon to get Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, to return him to prison. Chapman was captured by police at Muncie, Ind., Sunday and brought to the Marion County Jail. He had been sought since March 27, 1923, when he escaped from the prison hospital at Atlanta. Chapman was thoroughly at ease in the jail, refusing to answer questions about his escapades. Dressed as Gentleman He was dressed as a gentleman—in a dark blue suit, neat cravat and a gray scarf. Chapman is held without bond. United States Marshal Linus Meredith said he would be held here awaiting instructions from the warden of the Atlanta prison. Meanwhile two police inspectors from New York City were on their way here to claim Chapman. This raised the question of whether Chapman would be taken to Atlanta or to New Britain, Conn., where he is charged with the murder of a policeman. It was reported from Hartford, Conn., that Connecticut officials would put up a fight for custody of the prisoner. Chapman is being closely guarded. Jailers say he will not escape here. To do so he would have to saw through three sets of iron bars in the day time, or two sets at night. Chapman, during the day is with other prisoners in a run-down, between two rows of cells. At night he is locked in a cell. His latest "job" prior to his arrest in Muncie was the shooting of the policeman at New Britain, Conn., it is alleged. He was the leader, or an accomplice, in the robbery of a customs truck in New York City when jewels and watches valued at \$145,000 were stolen. Oct. 24, 1921, he and his gang robbed a mail truck at New York, obtaining \$2,400,000 in money and securities. It is charged. He was sentenced to Atlanta July 3, 1922, for twenty-five years, but escaped March 3, 1923. After being wounded he was recaptured and placed in the hospital. Three weeks later he escaped by overpowering a nurse and sliding down a rope of sheets.

Cop Lands Blow
Muncie police, having known Chapman was hiding in the city for four weeks, surrounded a house in which he was hiding and when he left in an automobile leaped on its running boards and overpowered the bandit. As Chapman drove a gun Detective Harry Brown knocked him down with a blow on the jaw.

Apint and a half of nitro glycerine, stolen jewelry and \$1,500 in cash were found on his person and in his baggage. "Don't let the grip," Chapman said, as he was captured. "There's enough soup in there to blow up the courthouse."

Chapman was rushed to Indianapolis in an automobile under a heavy escort of detectives and sheriffs.

Meredith received a telegram today from U. S. Atornton state's attorney at New Britain, Conn., asking that Chapman be removed there for trial for the murder of a policeman there. Chapman was a member of a gang who last October blew a safe in the Stillman department store at Muncie and escaped with \$2,500, Muncie police charge. They also say they believe he was in robberies in several small towns near Muncie.

ENGINEER KILLED
IN LEAP FOR LIFE
John F. Wrasman Funeral
to Be Held Tuesday.

A quarter of a century spent in piloting locomotives on the Pennsylvania railroad was ended with the death Sunday of John F. Wrasman, 52, of 22 Hendricks Pl. He died after he jumped from his engine which he thought was about to crash into another train section near Greenfield. Mr. Wrasman shut off the steam, set the brakes, warned the fireman and jumped. Harry Herron, fireman, 4022 Southeastern Ave., was hurled about the head and face in his jump. He was taken to St. Vincent Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the residence, burial in Crown Hill Cemetery. The widow, a son and two daughters survive.

Laconic Captured Bandit Says He Believes Beatrice Fair- fax Handles All the Ad- vice to Young.

"ADVISE"—well, I think perhaps I need a little myself," said Gerald Chapman, nationally-known crook, as he sat in the Marion County jail today.

"Wouldn't you advise young men to stay out of your game?" he was asked. He smiled.

"I thought Beatrice Fairfax handled all that. You know I don't like that kind of stuff—it's all trash."

"What started you on your career as a bandit?" "Well, you know—I can't remember."

"Did you go to school when you were young?" "Oh, yes, I went to high school."

"Would you attribute your getting into crooked work to bad associates?"

"There were a number of circumstances which the public wouldn't be interested in. Why go into it?" Chapman sat with folded hands, the handcuffs removed temporarily, waiting to be taken to dinner with the other prisoners. At every question fired by the reporter he made a grimace or yawned as if tremendously bored.

"I'd really like to accommodate you. I know you're supposed to bring something in, but I can't oblige you."

He said he was 37 years old. "Do you think it would be a hard job to get out of this jail?" Chapman's face was expressionless. He pursed his lips and very slowly said, "I really don't know."

Prisoners in the "bull pen" at the county jail were provided with diversion as they watched Chapman's back on one reporter after another.

"You're just wasting your time," he said. "Use your imagination—that's what you'll do anyway," was the prisoner's parting shot, as he walked back to the cell amid laughter of the other prisoners.

Officer's Story
MUNCIE, Ind., Jan. 19.—Detective Harry Brown, a strapping big Muncie police officer, who bowled over Gerald Chapman, notorious criminal, with a left hand, the few, laughed at the incident today.

"He's a live wire all right," Brown said. "As soon as he pulled the trigger, though, I put one to him. He shot at my buddy and we were pretty close. My gun was in my right hand and I didn't want to shoot him. I just kept my good gun in either fist and I caught him some place near the jaw with my left."

"He stretched out on the ground and I straddled him, with my left knee on his gun hand. He shot once and kept yelling, 'I'm shot.' "You ain't even half shot," I said.

"When we got him to the station, I asked him why he kept boltering he was shot and he told me he wanted me to get off him so he could take a crack at me with his gun."

BUSINESS—NOT POLITICS

This Is the City's Greatest Need

How long will Indianapolis stand for the kind of thing that took place at the Marion County Courthouse Saturday?
How long will the city permit itself to be governed by parties, factions of parties, injunctions, conventions and just plain brawls?
Is there any possibility in the world that clean, efficient government can come out of the kind of politics now being played in Indianapolis?

THESE are pertinent questions. They are questions in which every voter and taxpayer in Indianapolis should be vitally interested.

Right now the Republican party—and it happens to be the Republican party because Republicans are in the majority—has two city chairmen. The city council has two presidents. The courts are being worked overtime issuing injunctions, counter injunctions, writs of prohibition and restraining orders.

Why? Simply because the people of Indianapolis have not yet awakened to the fact that business and not politics should be the guiding factor in the administration of a city.

DOES anyone think for an instant that the men who are playing the strenuous political game, combined with underhand practices and even physical violence, can possibly put the welfare of Indianapolis ahead of their personal political fortunes?

Yet these are the men who are governing our city. They are the men who are seeking to govern it for four years to come.

Other cities have solved the problem. Why not Indianapolis? Indianapolis is a business institution. It has property valued at \$600,000,000 or more. It is an important business institution. Every citizen is a stockholder.

How long would a private business institution continue to exist under conditions such as those prevailing in politics in Indianapolis?

Can anyone imagine the stockholders of a huge corporation dividing themselves into factions and fighting after the manner of Indianapolis politicians? It might happen, but the chances of the business being successful wouldn't be worth a dime.

And yet the stockholders of Indianapolis continue to permit this sort of thing to go on.

THERE is no distinction between a Republican party and a Democratic party in city politics. They are simply opposing groups.

They don't stand for anything. Scores of other cities, big and little, have solved their problems by adopting the same plan of management used by business institutions.

They elect a board of directors and the board elects a BUSINESS manager, who manages the affairs of the city.

He is not a politician, but he is the BUSINESS head of the city. It can be done, for it has been done—repeatedly.

The best argument in favor of the CITY MANAGER PLAN of city government is that the politicians oppose it.

Let's put Indianapolis on a business basis. Let's do away with political elections.

LET'S ELECT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT A NON-PARTISAN ELECTION AND PUT A BUSINESS MANAGER AT THE HEAD OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

Politics at the City Hall

Here is an example of the way politics operate in the city government, taking precedence over efficiency:

Mayor Shank says: "If any city employee voted for Coffin he will be fired just as soon as I find it out."

BILL TO PROTECT CHURCHES READY

Would Halt Seizure for Memorial Plaza.

Senator Will K. Penrod, Logansport, will introduce a measure in the Senate Tuesday which will prohibit the State from acquiring property of the First Baptist Church and the Second Presbyterian Church on the site of the World War Memorial Plaza.

The measure as first drafted would have prohibited work or erection of any building by the World War Commission in the block occupied by the two churches until title to all property within the block had been secured by the State. This would have prevented any work being carried on within the block.

The bill, however, is to be re-drafted and will protect the church property, but will not interfere in any other plans of the commission.

34 OPERATIONS FAIL

World War Veteran Succumbs to Seven-Year-Old Wound.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Private C. H. Burnshire, a World War veteran, is dead here after thirty-four operations to save his life since his left leg was shot away during the advance at Chateau Thierry nearly seven years ago.

Pound Sets Record
LONDON, Jan. 19.—The pound sterling reached \$4.86 1/2 on the London exchange today, a post-war record. Par is \$4.75.

More 'Fags'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — Consumption of cigarettes in the United States since 1914 has increased fourfold, according to T. L. Hughes, chief of the tobacco section of the Department of Commerce.

In 1923, the latest figures available, more than sixty-three billion cigarettes were smoked in this country alone, Hughes announced. He blames it on the impetus which the war gave to cigarette consumption, as well as the fact women have taken up the habit seriously.

JUDGE CALLS IN ATTORNEYS FOR G. O. P. FACTIONS

New Move in City Control
Fight Is Seen in Superior Court.

With the citing of attorneys representing George V. Coffin and Irving W. Lemaux in legal proceedings preceding the two Republican city conventions Saturday to appear before Judge Sidney S. Miller in Superior Court 3 at 2 p. m. today, the battle over the city chairmanship entered another phase.

The order was issued by Miller shortly before noon. It was understood that Arthur R. Robinson and Frank Symmes, representing Coffin, and James M. Ogden, representing Lemaux, would appear. William Bosson, city attorney, and Charles O. Roemer, representing Lemaux, were among those asked to appear.

It was believed Miller would inquire into injunction proceedings before him and Judge Clinton Givan Saturday.

Saturday morning Judge Miller restrained Coffin from removing twenty-six precinct committeemen charged with disloyalty by Coffin, Robinson, although notified, refused to take part in the proceedings and Coffin was not represented.

At 12:45 p. m. fifteen minutes before the hour for opening the convention, Judge Givan dissolved the Miller injunction.

In separate conventions which followed Ralph A. Lemaux was elected city chairman by the Lemaux precinct committeemen and Coffin to the same office by his followers.

CIGARET TAX LAW AGAIN PROPOSED

Former Legislator Declares for 3-Cent Tax on Fags.

Another anti-cigarette law is in the making. Thomas E. Brown, Mt. Vernon, member of the 1923 session of the Legislature, is in town with the avowed purpose of introducing before the present session his famous cigarette bill which failed to pass in 1923.

Although Brown declined to disclose provisions of the proposed law, it was learned the bill will be similar to the 1923 bill, which provided for a 3-cent tax on every package of cigarettes sold, and a one-cent tax on cigarette papers.

Brown has said the 1923 bill failed because it would have thrown proceeds to the State general fund. This difficulty has been eliminated by diverting revenues to the school fund. Proponents of anti-cigarette legislation are handicapped this session because neither Brown nor ex-Representative John A. Peterson, Swayzee, co-author of the 1923 bill, is in this session.

CHI FORCES IN FLIGHT

Conqueror of Shanghai Defeated in Battle Outside City.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 19.—Tide of battle in the Shanghai area has turned suddenly and defeated troops of Chi Hsieh Yuan now are pouring towards this city, looting and rioting as they come.

The former ally of Wu Pei Fu, who sprang a sudden coup d'etat, and took the native city ten days ago, was badly beaten by troops of Li Yung Hsiang and now finds his own forces demoralized and in flight.

STONE GETS APPROVAL

Senate Committee Passes on Supreme Court Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved nomination of Attorney General Stone to be Supreme Court justice.

SHANK AND RIKHOFF JOIN IN SCOURING STREETS TO SMOTHER 'DEATH DRIVING'

Chief Puts Eleven Extra Automobiles and Twenty Men in Field to Nab Speeders—Mayor Seeks Driver License Ordinance.

FAILURE OF DRIVER TO STOP AND NEW DEATH AROUSE TWO

"I'm Going to Stop This Thing If I Have to Arrest Every Motorist in Town," Declares Police Head—Municipal Cars Loaned.

Eleven automobiles added to police speed squad. Officers ordered to haul all speeders to city jail. Mayor Shank orders city legal department to draft an ordinance licensing drivers and providing physical and mental examinations for motorists. Measure would provide for revocation of licenses of speeders.

Chief of Police Rikhoff, personally directing speed crusade, says all motorists driving more than twenty-five miles an hour will be arrested.

With another death in an automobile accident and an injured youth left lying by a driver who sped away during the week-end, Mayor Shank and Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoff today joined in new drastic steps against motor speed.

Rikhoff augmented the regular motorcycle speed squad with eleven automobiles, manned by twenty extra men.

This extra force was on the streets by 11 a. m. with orders to take speeders to headquarters without waiting for patrol wagons and without respect to prominence of prisoners.

Shank ordered City Attorney William Bosson to prepare an ordinance licensing drivers after physical and mental examinations and payment of a fee. Bosson said he thought such an ordinance would be legal, but he would have to examine the statutes.

This will make it impossible for him to get the measure before city council tonight. He said it would be ready for the next meeting, if it is found legal.

The measure would provide for revocation of licenses upon conviction of speeding. "If the city cannot have such an ordinance I'm going to try to get the Legislature to pass a State law requiring city licensing of drivers on the same terms," said Shank.

"We've got to put an end to this 'death driving,'" Rikhoff was emphatic in his orders to the extra men.

"I'm going to put a stop to this thing if I have to arrest every driver in town," he declared.

The chief climbed into his own automobile and went speeder hunting.

Personally in Command "I'm personally supervising this crusade," said the chief. "I'm going to be out on the streets seeing that my men don't miss anybody."

The chief said he would make arrests himself if he saw speeders. He instructed the men to arrest all persons going as much as one mile faster than twenty-five miles an hour, but to follow the car for two blocks so as to have good evidence.

Rikhoff transferred the patrolmen from the field and six hundred men to man six police automobiles put in the emergency service.

Municipal garage furnished five city hall cars and five civilian employees to act as drivers for patrolmen assigned to them.

Two of the police cars ordinarily are used by night rider squads, two by booze squads and two by patrolmen in residence districts.

The six emergency cars supplement thirteen motorcyclemen. Four motorcycles are idle because one is out of repair and three regular riders are recovering from injuries.

Rikhoff ordered that riders be procured for these mounts as soon as possible. In addition eight automobiles used in residence districts or special service were ordered equipped with speedometers so the men in them may chase speeders they see on their regular rounds. Men in these cars have been unable to arrest speeders because they did not have equipment with which to obtain accurate evidence.

Nineteen Over Week-End Nineteen alleged speeders were slated over the week-end. They are: Louis Smith, 22, colored, 334 W. Michigan St.; Arthur Lux, 25, of 420 N. Meridian St.; Robert Bowen, 29, of 4436 Carrollton Ave.; William Wolsinger, 16, of 1513 Tabor St.; Charles Orr, 19, of Ben Davis, Ind.; V. C. Donaldson, 27, of 6235 Central Ave.; George Fisher, 19, of 231 N. Sheffield Ave.; Harry Butcher, 12.

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Arrested

The first motorist to be arrested by one of the special squads assigned to duty in the new anti-speed war today was Dr. Clifford E. Cox, 38, of 441 Highland Ave., charged with driving thirty-three miles an hour in Prospect St., near Fountain Square.

Among others arrested: Theodore Howard, 26, colored, 1917 Columbia Ave., chauffeur, charged with going thirty-five miles an hour. William Shay, 26, of 525 Park Ave., thirty-five miles. Harry Ball, 21, of 941 N. Keystone Ave., thirty-five miles. Jack Lingenfelter, 17, of 623 N. Gray St., thirty miles. Edward Pierce, 40, of 323 W. Twenty-Eighth St., thirty miles. Leroy Devlin, 24, of 4245 E. Nineteenth St., forty-five miles, arrested at 1701 Ingram St., after his auto collided with one owned by Robert Maglin, 2240 Brookside Ave. Noble Little, 24, 246 W. Ray St., arrested on Oliver Ave., thirty-five miles. Ollie Lewis, 20, colored, 2534 Indianapolis Ave., arrested on Senate Ave., thirty-five miles. Everett Brigham, 40, of 14 W. Ohio St., arrested on Pendleton pike, forty-five miles.

Memorial Day Provisions

Persons who desire to block the Speedway race on Memorial day plan a bill prohibiting commercial sports between 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. on Memorial day, it was reported at the Statehouse this afternoon. Failing in getting this bill passed the backers would advocate a measure ordering observance of Memorial day on the Sunday before or after the Memorial day date, it was said.

McCulloch C. of C. Director Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch was elected a director of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce today to succeed Alexander L. Taggart, who is moving to New York. The action was taken at a meeting of the directors.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

8 a. m. 22 10 a. m. 25
7 a. m. 22 11 a. m. 27
6 a. m. 22 12 (noon) 29
5 a. m. 25 1 p. m. 29

IN LAST 24 HOURS

Sixteen persons have been injured and one killed in traffic accidents in Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED: TOTAL DEAD: THIS YEAR: 10 1

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