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# DURKIN, BAD SHEIK, HIES FOR INDIANA

Desperado Mocks Police—Drives Through Cordon of Authorities Thrown Out to Capture Him and Starts Eastward.

## DETECTIVES ADMIT HE'S FOILED THEM

Criminal Is Wanted for Slaying of Three Officers Who Attempted to Arrest Him—Known as Most Elusive Killer.

*By United Press*  
CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Martin Durkin, sheik, bad man and Chicago's most elusive criminal, has slipped out of the city for an eastern destination, police declared today, admitting defeat in their latest effort to capture him.

Angered when it was learned that Durkin had boasted to a physician that he had been playing "hide and seek" with Chicago's police department, authorities laid in waiting in half a dozen places last night, hoping he would fall into one of the traps. Instead of falling in, he drove straight through one of them in an automobile and headed toward the east.

### Waves to Mother

Durkin, first wanted for stealing automobiles is now to face responsibility for three deaths in connection with efforts to capture him. Two policemen and a citizen have been killed in gun fights when Durkin shot himself out of traps.

According to the latest information Durkin drove an automobile through suburban streets last night, passed directly in front of his mother's residence, where a squad of officers were waiting for him, and turned his car toward Indiana. He is said to have waved a farewell to his mother as the unsuspecting officers looked on.

### Boasts to Doctor

Durkin told a physician to whom he applied for treatment a few days ago that the safest place to hide was in Chicago's "Loop." He boasted that he attended several theaters in the downtown district, rubbed shoulders with policemen on crowded intersections and even joined a crowd that was looking at a reward posted for his capture—dead or alive.

## TWO ATTEMPT TO END LIVES

Woman, Man in Critical Condition at Hospitals.

Mrs. Marion Kepler, 24, of 4611 N. Pennsylvania St., and Bryant Nichols, 28, of 1713 W. Morris St., are in critical condition in local hospitals today suffering from bullet wounds said to have been self-inflicted Wednesday with suicidal intent.

Mrs. Kepler shot herself in the abdomen while at 236 W. Twenty-Ninth St., the home of her estranged husband, Frank Kepler, with whom she was seeking a reconciliation. Kepler said he and his wife had been separated for some time and he had filed divorce proceedings. Bullet passed through her body.

Nichols shot himself above the heart at his home following domestic quarrels. He walked downstairs and told his wife of his act.

## FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



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## Chief Stresses Loyalty to Mayor

O'Brien Says Now Is Time to Test City Employees.

**L**OYALTY to Mayor Shank as the administration wanes was stressed by Fire Chief John O'Brien at an informal meeting of department heads at the city hall today.

"Now is the time to test the real qualities of loyalty when city employees know they can expect nothing more from Mayor Shank," O'Brien said. "We've got to tighten up, on discipline and insure that every man carries on until Jan. 1."

"I haven't gone down on my knees to remain in the fire department under the Duval administration, and don't intend to," said O'Brien. "Of course, I would like to remain in this work to which I have given most of my life."

O'Brien, a Democrat, has been a member of the fire department for thirty-five years. Wednesday he celebrated the twenty-ninth anniversary of his appointment as captain.

## CHURCH RAISES \$3,000,000 FOR HOME MISSIONS

Methodists Hear Reports at Opening of Three-Day Annual Confab.

More than \$3,000,000 has been contributed by Methodist churches and individuals during the past year for national home mission purposes. This was the report this afternoon of W. J. Elliott of Philadelphia, Pa., treasurer of the board of home missions and church extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is holding its annual three-day conference at the Central Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church.

The conference opened this morning with more than 300 in attendance. Of these, more than seventy-five were executives and bishops.

### Exact Figures

The exact total of funds contributed for the work of the home missions body, Elliott said, was \$2,276,802. Of this amount \$439,118 represented receipts for the permanent fund of the board. Of the \$3,156,106 expended this year for home missions and extension work, \$2,184,047 went for work in colored districts, \$787,648 for work in foreign language communities in the United States, and \$63,088 went to Hawaii and Alaska. The permanent fund of the board now totals \$4,267,764. One of its investments is the Wesley Building.

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## 'UNLOADED PISTOL' FATAL TO SOLDIER

Recruit at Ft. Harrison Points Revolver at Heart and Pulls Trigger, Despite Warnings.

Private John Meyers, 20, a recruit of Battery B, 3rd Field Artillery, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, today failed to heed the warning of "buddies," pulled the trigger of a revolver he supposed was unloaded, and died instantly.

"Don't point that revolver at your

## ONE DAY LEFT TO GET \$45,000

Community Fund Workers Make Final Effort.

With only one day to garner \$45,000 lacking Community Fund campaign workers today were straining to reach the quota of \$650,662 set at the start.

The women's army, headed by Mrs. Russell Fortune, having succeeded in exceeding its quota \$5,000, was not satisfied. She said, the women are striving to see which part of the women's army can make the most outstanding record.

Silver trophies which were donated to the campaign will be awarded to the women's division piling up the most money over its quota and one district in each division will receive a cup for the most conspicuous success.

Final luncheon of the campaign will be held at the Claypool hotel Friday noon.

## LODGE TO MEET HERE

Job's Daughters of Indiana to Convene at Severin, Friday.

The Grand Guardian council of Indiana Job's Daughters will open its second annual two day meeting Friday at the Severin. Registration and committee meetings will take up Friday afternoon. A reception will be held in the evening, with an address by the Rev. Lewis Brown, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The opening business meeting will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. Election of officers will follow. A Masonic family dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m.

## DEMOCRATS FLAY KLAN IN MEETING

Speakers Declare Party Must Take Stand Against Hooded Order and Fight to Finish—Orbison Also Scored for Recent Moves.

## 'LICK 'EM' IS BATTLE CRY OF LEBANON LAWYER

Ex-Mayor Holtzman, Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch and Others Cheered as They Appeal for Open Action.

Smarting from recent defeats and alarmed by rumors that the Ku-Klux Klan is about to adopt the Democratic party, leaders of the party from all parts of the State, meeting at the Claypool today, cheered speakers who took a violent anti-Klan stand.

"What shall be the attitude of the Democratic party towards the Ku-Klux Klan?" shouted Ben M. Scieszka, Lebanon attorney. "It will not do for us Democrats to compromise with this evil, unchristian, un-American and Unchristian organization. If the Democratic party takes the Klan into its fold, it will have outlived its day. The political party in which the Klan dies will be dead for fifty years."

Judge Orbison—I wish I had him here so I could tell him to his face—has been going up and down the State telling the Klansmen the Republican and Democratic parties are dead.

### Stephenson Blundered

"Stephenson blundered, and now Orbison has blundered. What the Democratic party must do is come out boldy and 'lick 'em—and undo 'em."

John W. Holtzman, ex-mayor of Indianapolis, also was cheered loudly when he said:

"Hitherto, everyone has been a little timid about taking a stand on this question. Everyone knows where I stand. The time is here when the Democratic party must take a stand against an organization.

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### RICKENBACKER CITES GRAVES

'Ace' Urges Army Junk Antiquated Planes.

RICKENBACKER CITES GRAVES

Desperado Is Held for "Spooning"

By United Press

WASHINGON, Nov. 19.—The

grave yards of the country show

what happens to aviators who are supplied with old war-time equipment," Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, American "ace of aces," declared before the generals trying Col. William Mitchell for misconduct today in urging that the Air Corps rid itself of antiquated planes.

Rickenbacker said he thinks a

crossing should be placed at the

crossing, to replace the bell used at

present, and will take this matter

up with Monon officials at once.

Freshly trained are switching in the

vicinity at nearly all times, keeping

the bell ringing, he said. Hearing

the bell ringing but seeing no train

crossing tend to make the people

careless, he explained.

Mrs. Heaton was injured fatally

when the auto in which she was

driving with her husband, Charles

Heaton, 64, and her son Paul

Heaton, 6504 Cornell Ave., was

struck by a freight train at the

crossing Wednesday night. Mrs.

Heaton died within five minutes. Her

husband was sent to the Methodist

Hospital, where he is in a serious

condition. The son escaped with

scratches.

Lanterns Seen

Police say they were told the

equipment of which C. A. Martin, 3006

McPherson Ave., was engineer and

E. K. Gillian, 819 E. Twenty-Fourth

St., was fireman, was pushing four

cars south and that the two brakemen,

Charles Goble and H. F.

Robinson, both of Monon, Ind., were

on the first car with lanterns.

The auto which was west bound

dashed past several autos that were

stopped for the crossing and onto the

tracks witnesses told police. The

son was nervous and unable to give

a coherent story of why he failed to heed the signal bell, police say.

Coroner Robinson freed the crew.

Fourteen Hurt

In thirty other accidents in the

past twenty-four hours, fourteen per-

son were injured.

Albert Cohen, 636 Union St.,

stepped into the path of an auto

driven by Thomas Cahill, 642 S.

West St. Harold McClure, R. R. J.

Box 29 B, was driver of an auto

said to have struck Miss Lottie

Thomas, 23, of Plainfield, Ind.

Charles Hall, 38, of 440½ E. Wash-

ington St., was reported struck by

an auto driven by George Weiser,

3720 W. Washington St. Miss Ruth

Suter, 25, colored, 742 W. North St.,

was said to have stepped into the

path of an auto driven by Clarence

Gilstrap, 25, of 713 Roach St.

Fourteen Hurt

Inquiry Is Completed

Decision Will Be Announced To-

morrow on Widow's Charges.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—In-

vestigation of the charges Mrs.

Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the

commander of ill-fated Shenandoah,

that Capt. Paul Foley, judge ad-

ocate of the court of inquiry, tried to

make her "twist the facts" in testi-

mony, was completed today by the

court, after Foley denied the charge

from the stand. A decision will be

announced tomorrow morning.

DE MOLAY TO SKATE

As their first winter social event,

the De Molay Drill Corps will give a

skating party at Riverside, Friday

evening.