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GUNS HALT 8 CONVICTS IN GETAWAY

One Escapes in Sensational Dash for Liberty at State Reformatory — Disappears in Cornfield, Despite Rain of Bullets.

TRY IS MADE AFTER THANKSGIVING DINNER

Nine, Being Returned to Cells, Gain Roof Near Wall by Elevator Shaft in New Building — Spied by Guards.

By Times Special PENDLETON, Ind., Nov. 27.—Frank Burns, 22, of Portland, Me., prisoner at the Indiana State Reformatory here, was at large today, following a successful dash for liberty Thursday afternoon.

Eight other prisoners were halted by rifle fire of the guards.

Just as the prisoners were marching back to their cells, following a Thanksgiving Day dinner and program, Burns led the eight into a new dormitory under construction near the prison wall. The nine gained the roof by way of the elevator shaft.

Guards patrolling the wall saw the men and commanded them to halt. Eight obeyed but Burns rolled down the roof to the administration building, crawled to the prison wall and dropped thirty feet to the ground.

He ran into a nearby cornfield and disappeared as guards opened fire.

Prison officials said a posse of officers had been sent out to scour the country here, but had been unsuccessful.

Burns was sentenced for burglary from Anderson.

TWO SLAIN IN DURKIN SEARCH

Police Sergeant and Taxi Driver Shot to Death.

By United Press CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Sergeant James Carroll and Ben Custer, a taxicab driver, were killed and another policeman and civilian were severely wounded here today by four men.

First reports were that the leader of the band was Martin Durkin, the "sheik desperado" who had killed a federal officer and a policeman in two sensational shooting escapades.

Carroll and Patrolman James Henry were on guard in a saloon on South Halstead St., on a tip that Durkin was in the neighborhood.

Near 4 a. m., there was a rap on the door. It was opened and four men rushed in and started shooting. Carroll and Custer fell dead and Henry and Gus Soeldner dropped, severely wounded. The quartet escaped.

WOULD MARRY HIM South Bend Girl Infatuated With "Martin Durkin."

By United Press CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—After being introduced to a man whose name was given as Martin Durkin, Anna Epperson, 20, South Bend, Ind., wrote to her father and told him that she was going to marry Durkin.

"I know he is a murderer," the letter said, "but we all have our faults."

Epperson became alarmed and got into communication with Chicago police, who arrested Anna and several men.

The man whom she was going to marry was Sam Albano, who was released when he said it was only a joke about his being Durkin. Anna and two men were due in morals court late today.

22 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

before CHRISTMAS

Ukelele's 'Plinkity Plank' Lands Two Youths in Jail

And Now They're Charged With Being Bold, Bad Hold-up Men.

MUSIC hath soothed the savage beast these many years. Today it helped the law to place Stanley Skinner, 20, of 1727 Hoyt Ave., and Clyde Austermiller, 17, of 2018 Hoyt Ave., "the boy with the smile," in jail, charged with being the bandits responsible for twelve hold-ups of motorists on country roads, in the last three months.

Skinner was to be married in a week and the two lads planned to quit their crime career Jan. 1, police said.

Their arrest came from the love of:

"Plinkity plank and oodle-doodoo."

When, as detectives charge, they held up Kenneth Simms, 5935 Broadway, and Edward McDermott, 3355 Park Ave., and robbed them of a diamond ring, watch and \$4.50 in money, they dropped a ukelele and a saxophone, belonging to the victims, in their getaway. They went back to look for the instruments. A. F. Dinex, farmer, living near the scene of the hold-up, saw them and gave the license number of their car to State Policeman Clark, who notified detectives.

Arrests followed. A large amount of jewelry, alleged loot, was found at Skinner's home.

Detectives Brickle and Finnerman say the youths confessed.

The arrest will result probably in freedom for Edward Moore, 24, city, held in connection with the hold-up of Miss Olive Wells, 2616 Illinois St., and Lowell Welsh, 1634 N. Alabama St. The lads, police said, confessed to this robbery.



Clyde Austermiller



—Photos by Bert Perritt. Stanley Skinner

SORROWING EMPIRE HONORS ALEXANDRA

Four Kings and Nine Princes March in Funeral Cortege to Westminster Abbey.

By United Press LONDON, Nov. 27.—Royalty, nobility and commoners today joined in a vast tribute to Queen Mother Alexandra, braving a wind and snow storm to witness in reverent silence the martial pomp that marked an empire's sorrow.

From midnight on men and women stood outside Westminster Abbey, where the popular queen mother was given an unprecedented funeral service in point of size.

Thousands in mourning garb gathered in the heart of London along the funeral route to her casket pass, honored by the dirges

MURDER ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Helen Hager Whelchel Met Death Two Years Ago.

Two years ago tonight Mrs. Helen Hager Whelchel, 22, pretty widow, was kidnapped near her home, murdered, and her body thrown from the Big Four bridge near Ben Davis. Mrs. Whelchel's father, Francis M. Hager, lives at 1854 Applegate St.

The third trial of John Thomas Shaw, colored, charged with her murder, is set to open Jan. 21 at Martinsville.

A new trial was asked after his conviction here, and change of venue taken to Martinsville, resulting in a hung jury.

C. OF C. NOMINATES

Names of Candidates on Ticket One for Directors Given.

Names of candidates on ticket No. One for directors of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in 1926 were announced today. Election will be held Dec. 8.

Those nominated were: At large, Scott R. Brewer and Paul Q. Richy; civic affairs, William J. Mooney Jr.; freight and traffic, G. M. Williams; industrial, Harold E. Best; retail, Albert S. Goldstein, and wholesale, Fred L. Holweg.

MANY PERSONS FLEEING

Chinese General Resists Revolt Against His Power.

PEKIN, Nov. 27.—Mukden reports today said the Manchurian war lord, Chang Tso Lin, had assembled 10,000 troops before his palace and had declared his intention to resist the revolt against his power. Many high persons are fleeing from Mukden.

Meantime, the enemy of Chang, General Kuo Sung Lin pushed his forces from Shantung Kuan toward Mukden, hampered, however, by wrecked bridges and torn up rails.

TRAIN CRASH IS FATAL

Driver Instantly Killed, Son Escapes Injury.

By Times Special MUNCIE, Ind., Nov. 27.—Peter Sponbauer, 50, was instantly killed Thursday night when the auto which he was driving was struck by a fast Big Four train here. His son, Ferdinand, who was riding with him, was injured.

MELODY TREAT FOR AIR FANS

Times to Broadcast Its Weekly Program.

There will be plenty of melody on the air tonight when The Indianapolis Times broadcasts another program over WFBM, Merchants Heat and Light Company, from the Severin.

Schepp's New York Orchestra, a group of players of real dance music, will play.

The Paramount Four, Indianapolis' prize-winning quartet, will sing on this program. John B. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who acted as one of the judges in the recent Keith-Albee quartet contest, will introduce the four singers.

Al Hoffmeister has prepared a program of popular songs which he will sing. Raymond Cork will be at the Baldwin Grand.

TWO TO REFORMATORY

Third Man Arrested Fails to Appear and \$1,000 Bond Is Forfeited.

James Bradley, 27, colored, and Will Harris, 28, colored, \$11 Petticoat St., each were fined \$100 and costs and sentenced one to two years at the Indiana Reformatory today by Criminal Judge James A. Collins on charge of transporting liquor.

Charles Jackson, colored, 330 N. West St., arrested with the two, failed to appear in court and his \$1,000 bond was forfeited by Anna Jarmon and Nelson Walls, alleged to be Stephenson's daughter.

Rearing on a demurrer to the suit for \$9,595 support money filed against D. C. Stephenson, now serving a life term of the Indiana State Prison for the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer, may not be heard Saturday in Superior Court One because the illness of Ira M. Holmes, Stephenson's attorney. Holmes is sick at his home with a severe cold, it was reported.

Mrs. Nettie Stephenson Brehn, alleged wife of Stephenson, is seeking to collect the money for the support of Florence C. Stephenson, alleged to be Stephenson's daughter.

JULIETTA TO SHUT DOORS NEXT MONTH

Arrangements Completed by Superintendent to Move 224 Patients to State Institutions and Their Homes by Dec. 31.

STATE'S CHALLENGE ANSWERED BY COUNTY

Indiana Village of Epileptics to Get 41 Patients — Insane Hospital and Infirmary to Take as Many as Possible.

Removal of the 244 inmates from Julietta, county insane asylum, will start in December, Dr. Benjamin S. Potter, superintendent, announced today. Marion county commissioners said they will close the institution after Dec. 31.

The county council refused include an allowance for the operation of Julietta for 1926 and the commissioners would not recommend any funds.

County officials contend it is the State's responsibility to care for its insane.

Potter said forty-one epileptic patients will be sent to the Indiana Village for Epileptics at Newcastle, Ind. Others will be sent to the county infirmary and as many as possible at the Indiana Central Insane Hospital. Potter said. The remainder will be returned to their homes, he said.

"We mean business and unless the State agrees to take over the institution in the meantime, we will not alter our plans," said John McCloskey, president of the commissioners.

"We can't open the doors at Julietta and turn those unfortunate out, but we can place them in some responsible place."

The last Legislature passed a bill accepting Julietta as a gift from the county. Governor Jackson vetoed it.

Behind the great gun carriage which bore the casket through lanes of sorrowing Britshers, four kings and nine princes, of four nations, all respectively, marched in profound grief.

Queens of the four countries went to Westminster by another route in a carriage, where the service started at 11 o'clock.

Within the ancient abbey strains of Queen Alexandra's favorite Psalm, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," wafted down from the choir as benediction. Its words, "He leadeth me beside still waters," were a fitting finale to a life which had been marked by the beauty of peace and generosity.

The usual Anglican ritual was used, except the committal, which will be said tomorrow in the interment services at Windsor, where Queen Alexandra will be buried beside the body of her husband, King Edward.

Chopin's Marche Funèbre, marked the departure of the Abbey mourners, which included the entire cabinet, members of the diplomatic corps and parliament.

The casket remained. And from 1 p. m. until tonight the humble land passed Alexandra's bier.

GERMANY WILL ENTER LEAGUE

Reichstag Also Votes for Security Pact.

By United Press BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The German Reichstag today took two far-reaching steps towards insuring peace in Europe when the Government was authorized to sign the Locarno security treaties and to apply for membership in the League of Nations.

The Locarno pact was brought up for final reading and by a vote of 300 to 174 the Government was authorized to sign.

They by a vote of 278 to 183, the Government was authorized to apply for League membership.

Motions for lack of confidence by both the nationalists and the communists were defeated.

MERCURY DUE TO GO DOWN

And Weather Bureau Says Night Will Be Clear.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 36 10 a. m. 35
7 a. m. 36 11 a. m. 34
8 a. m. 35 12 (noon) 34
9 a. m. 35 1 p. m. 34

A cool wave, which should carry the mercury down about to 22, was forecast for tonight and Saturday by the United States Weather Bureau. Weather is expected to be clearing late this afternoon or early this evening, it was announced.

Light drizzling rain Thursday afternoon, which made Thanksgiving unpleasant outdoors, registered .3 inch at the weather bureau station. Rainfall was heavier in the south part of the State.

HEARING MAY BE LATER

Attorney's Illness Might Cause Delay in Stephenson Case.

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BOWMAN SEEKS NEW BUS ROUTE

Petition Filed for Ravenswood Line.

A. Smith Bowman, president of the Peoples Motor Coach Company, today petitioned the public service commission to establish new motor bus route between Monument Circle and Ravenswood, making three applications it now has on file.

Bowman's application proposes a route which follows the course of his old Guilford Ave. line, denied by the commission. The new route follows: From the Circle east on Market St. to New Jersey St., north to Central and Eleventh, east to Park, north to Sutherland, northeast to College, north to Thirty-Fourth, east to Guilford, north and east to Bellfontaine, north to Sixty-Third, east to Ravenswood Beach Rd., and return by the same route.

ACCOUNTANTS INCORPORATE

Articles of incorporation for Haight, Davis and Haight, accountants, \$12 Hume-Mansur Bldg., were filed today with the secretary of State. Capital stock will be \$25,000. Incorporators are Frank J. Haight, Indianapolis; Arthur M. Haight, Omaha, Neb., and Frank H. Davis, Indianapolis.

TRANSFER CASE RESET

Hearing for Increase to Be Heard Week Later.

The public service commission has postponed until Dec. 9, the hearing on application of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company for authority to increase the charge for transfers from 1 cent to 2 cents.

Hearing originally was set for Dec. 2.

Feel Bad? Ah, You Ate Five Pieces

If you ate more than four pieces of turkey, duck or chicken Thanksgiving you're due to feel bad for several days.

This was the warning of Dr. Herman Morgan, city board of health secretary, today.

"The normal person should eat from one to four pieces, according to the appetite," he said. "More than four pieces causes a lesser or greater degree of pain conditioned on the individual's constitution of the individual."

For hundreds who reported a post-Thanksgiving drowsiness, he recommended mild exercise, rest and relaxation.

"And for that sleepy feeling, I guess there is nothing better than sleep," he said.

DUVALL SAYS JOB SPIGOT IS CLOSED TIGHT

No More Appointments Until December, Latest Word.

John L. Duvall, mayor-elect, said today, through L. V. Schneider, his secretary, that he would announce no more appointments until December.

But Mayor Shank said he had been informed reliably that the line up of five police captains had been decided. Shank said Fred Drinkut and Fred Simon are to be re-appointed captains and that Harley Reid and Edward Schubert, former captains, will recover their rank.

George F. Winkler, new Federal prohibition enforcement agent, also is slated for a captaincy, according to Shank.