

HOSTETTERS RETURN 'NOT GUILTY' PLEAS

Father and Son, Reeves and
Mrs. Kaiser Face Bank
Robbery Charges.

Pleas of not guilty were returned today in Criminal Court by Dennis Hostetter and his father, Richard Hostetter, and Kenneth Reeves and Mrs. Rosemary Kaiser, all alleged to have been implicated in the hold-up of the Citizens Bank at Southport, Ind., last Feb. 8. Sheriff Omer Hawkins returned at 4:30 a. m. from Laredo, Texas, with Reeves, captured there. Robert and Howard Hostetter, sons of Richard Hostetter, wanted for connection with the bank hold-up, escaped from the Laredo jail.

Sheriff Hawkins said the three were locked in a hotel room after they returned from a visit to Mexico. The brothers escaped while the constable was wiring Indianapolis police, but Reeves was nabbed before he could get out through the window.

Judge James A. Collins consented to lower Richard Hostetter's bond from \$10,000 to \$5,000. The father is charged with receiving \$1,699.05 taken from the bank, and the other five are charged with conspiracy to commit auto banditry, robbery and grand larceny. Judge Collins said he would try Mrs. Kaiser Friday.

When arraigned Mrs. Kaiser, nervous and on the verge of tears, said she had gotten into "bad company." She said she attended Manual Training High School and was married. Later, she said, her husband deserted her and is in Detroit, Mich.

WOULD QUASH INDICTMENTS

Motions Filed for Three Other
ers—91 Arraigned.

Motions to quash indictments against Roy E. Castetter, 324 N. Gladstone Ave.; George C. Megorden, 302 N. Colorado Ave., and Miss Grace L. Neary, 311 N. Temple St., all charged with conspiracy to commit grand larceny, were filed in Criminal Court today before Judge James A. Collins. The three are alleged to have illegally obtained \$2,500 while employees of the Tuxedo Street State Bank.

Castetter also is charged with embezzlement and Miss Neary and Megorden with being accessories after the fact. Indictments were returned after a survey by State Bank examiners.

Ninety-one other defendants were arraigned this morning before Judge Collins. Odell Moody and Thomas Goins, Negro, pleaded not guilty to first degree murder charges. John W. Grimes, charged with vehicle taking and being a habitual criminal, filed a motion for change of venue.

TRUSTY BALKS ESCAPE PLANS

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time or another lived in Akron, that was all.

This brings back the carefully laid plot for escape that surrounded Chapman's stay in Federal row at the Marion County jail.

Captured at Muncie

He was captured at Muncie on Jan. 18, 1925, by police.

He had been watched there for four months before the Sunday morning when Detectives Harry Brown and Marvin Collins and Capt. Fred W. Puckett apprehended him on Mulberry St.

Chapman drew his gun and fired, but was captured before he could get away.

The following day he was brought to Indianapolis.

Before he left the jail as No. 2983, bound for Atlanta penitentiary from which he had escaped on March 27, 1923, it was learned that plans were laid for his escape.

Arrangements had been made by which a "friend" was to place keys to his handcuffs, a revolver and a bottle of nitro-glycerine in a compartment of the Pullman in which he would travel. He was to shoot his way to freedom.

This failed when the person he had trusted with the "job" went to Federal authorities with diagrams and information revealing the plot.

It is believed that if Chapman hangs, the great bandit gang known as the most efficient working organization of this type, will completely disappear. Charles, "One-Arm" Wadsworth, another alleged member of the gang is serving a life sentence in Indiana State Prison, and George "Dutch" Anderson was killed recently.

Some Mystery Remains

Several strains of mystery still remain unclear.

Who and where is Betty Bates, known in Chapman's conversation as "Betty Beeswax"?

She is a former Lafayette (Ind.) girl, born near that city and lived there the early part of her life.

It is said that "Betty Beeswax," known as Chapman's sweetheart and "woman," was the cause of his capture at Muncie. That she had "concealed" him and then turned him over to the police, is the story.

She is reported to be operating a millinery store in San Francisco, and also is said to be a married to a prosperous merchant in Providence, R. I.

Some officials contend that "Pucky" Dillon, a pal of Chapman's underworld years, and not Betty, betrayed him.

Doomed Slayer of Nephew Unmoved



FRANK WRIGHT IS BACKED FOR HOUSE SPEAKER

Coffin and Prohibition Fac-
tions Said to Be
Aligned.

Frank E. Wright, father of the now famous "bone-dry" prohibition law, will be speaker of the 1925 House of Representatives if a well-arranged political set-up stays fixed. Wright, auditor of the State securities commission, Saturday filed his declaration of candidacy for the Republican nomination as representative from Marion County. By virtue of his sponsorship of the present dry law, strictest in the United States, Wright is assured of the unanimous support of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U.

He has the endorsement of George V. Coffin, county and city Republican chairman, said to be angling with prohibition forces in the hope of putting through some legislation of his own. Strange as the Coffin-Prohibition alignment may seem, it is said to present an imposing array. Coffin, as well as the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U. would like to see Wright made Speaker.

Wright has been connected with every legislative session since 1915 when he was elected Representative from Randolph County. He was the father of the 1917 prohibition measure. Wright was Randolph County Representative in 1919 and chief clerk of the House in 1921 and 1923. He was returned as a Representative in 1925. For twenty years he published a newspaper at Lynn.

Shortly after the 1925 assembly Wright was appointed investigator for the State securities commission and recently was promoted to auditor. He resides in Indianapolis. Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortemeyer has promised Wright a leave of absence if elected.

ANDY FARRIS

Without feeling over the "ghastly flogging to death of his nephew, McHenry Bobby Hill, 7, son of Mrs. Catherine Hill, 569 River Ave., for which he was sentenced to die in the electric chair May 21, Andy Farris, 28, mountaineer, today was in Knobville, Tenn., jail.

Farris was convicted of first degree murder by a jury there last week. His 22-year-old wife was charged with being an accessory to the fact. Attorneys plan to appeal.

Bobby made his home with his uncle on a Tennessee farm.

KILLS BRIDE, SHOOTS SEL

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Soldier Also Wounds His Mother-in-Law.

ANNISTON, Ala., April 5.—An- nister, who she threatened to leave after learning he had another wife, Private Joseph Floris, stationed at Camp McClellan here, today shot and killed his bride of six months, his mother-in-law, and then shot himself in the mouth. Attendants at the hospital where Floris was removed, said he would die.

Marriage Licenses

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neutic. He said he was in solitary confinement in Atlanta and was given no intimation that the transfer was planned.

"One post office inspector talked of it but spoke as though he were merely fooling. He asked me if I would rather go to Connecticut or Atlanta. I said it would be all right to go to Connecticut, for I had nothing to fear. I had seen too many other cases where I was accused of killing policemen.

"The next thing I knew I was told one day to get up and dress and was taken to Connecticut. That is why they now say no objection was made to the transfer.

"That appeals to my prison sense of humor. Do you know what that is? I don't think so. It is compounded from a peculiar sense of futility; from the feeling that whatever comes from authority must be whether it is right or wrong.

"Another thing that appealed to my queer sense of humor is that Mr. Alcorn says I have not protested my innocence. A plea of not guilty was entered at my trial. If

were half the actor that Mr. Alcorn is I might present you with a defense and recrimination and refer you to past performances and the future and all that. Most of Mr. Alcorn's statements have been prophecies of the future in case I should live."

Appearance Is Sudden

The appearance of Chapman was sudden.

When the prison board went into the prison the previous announcement that Chapman would not be allowed to appear still stood.

Then after the meeting had been in progress a few minutes word came out that plans had been changed completely and the board would hear Chapman in person.

Guards immediately went to the meeting room and brought Chapman to the meeting. The doors of the meeting room were bolted behind him and guards and State police with rifles paced the corridors outside.

Meanwhile preparations were completed for the hanging.

Unique Gallows

The gallows on which Chapman will be executed is the only one in the kind in the United States.

It is a permanent affair and no preparations were necessary to make it ready for use. The death chamber is a small room not far from the solitary cell where Chapman has been confined for more than a year.

In this chamber is a long rope going up the high wall out of sight. Actually it goes through a pulley at the top of the wall and down the other side where it connects with a counter weight many times as heavy as an ordinary man.

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NO REFUND, OPINION

Full Auto License Fee to Be Charged Says Gilliom.

No rebates shall be granted automobile owners when they transfer the license plates from one car to another, even if the latter is of a lower classification, attorney general ruled today in an opinion to Secretary of State Frederick E. Schortemeyer. The \$1 transfer fee shall be charged in all cases, he held.

COOLIDES HOST TO HARD BOILED PARTY

First Aid Stations Set Up to Take Care of Casualties Expected When Children Stage Annual Egg Rolling.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—President and Mrs. Coolidge were hosts today at what is expected to be one of the roughest functions of the Washington social season.

Four completely equipped first aid stations have been set up on the White House lawn as arina and iodine headquarters for guests who might be injured during the annual Easter egg rolling contest to which all children under 10 years of age in the capital have been invited. In addition, 39 policemen, the entire personnel of the White House force, have been detailed to see that young guests do not carry off the twenty-ton marble fountain or other furniture that might tempt the youthful souvenir hunters.

to have learned etiquette from Don Ogden Stewart, rather than Emily Post, and so the precautions. If the children would stick to egg rolling everything would be very peaceful, but eventually they begin to hit the eggs and then pommade posing is not uncommon. Breaking a ten-minute egg over the head of one's playmate occasionally results in a rush order for the arina. And when you get several thousand children together, it is not impossible that some arguments will arise andistic contests ensue.

All in all, it has been a poor Easter party during which some guest was not carted off in an ambulance to Emergency Hospital, handily only a few blocks away.

Same Rules

The rules this year are much the same as they were last. Until 3 this afternoon no adult was allowed in the White House grounds unless accompanied by a child. This gave an opportunity to the more practical youngsters to make a little pin money by charging adults 25 cents for walking in with them. Sometimes several trips can be made without detection.

The egg-rolling proper is a minor matter. No one seems to know exactly the point of this game. There are a number of knobs on the lawn in back of the executive mansion and the serious-minded egg-roller urges the colored produce up and down these slopes.

At 3 the gates were thrown open to all, old and young, who care to attend a concert given by the United States Marine Band.

for examination by the committee of five—four drys and one wet.

Among those to appear are Andrews, District Attorney Buckner of New York, Bishop Charles Fliske of Utica, N. Y.; Rabbi Alexander Lyon of Brooklyn, Mayor William Deyer of Chicago, Matthew Woll of the A. F. of L., George Brennan, candidate for the Democratic senatorial nomination, Chicago; William S. Vare, candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, Pennsylvania.

The Senators will also consider the new drastic bill extending the Volstead act, just presented for the administration, which would establish government supervision of cereal beverage plants and permit search of homes on evidence that liquor is being manufactured.

As Congress is three-fourths or more dry, the latter bill is the only one that has the slightest chance at this session.

If the drys make a successful defense of prohibition in the hearings, the last remote chance of modification for many years will vanish.

The Administration and all politicians except those from strictly wet localities will move to tighten up enforcement and the number of perched tongues now hanging out of thirsty throats will increase rapidly.

If Wets Win

On the other hand, if the wetts have their case stuck, the next Congress probably will have a smaller dry strength, enforcement probably by ultimate weakening of the Volstead act—something that was one of the six days allotted to the prosecution.

Others will follow them during the week and more than 100 are expected to take the stand to portray expenses and suggest plans for Government distribution of beer and light wines or for local option to State government of municipalities.

More True

"If the committee determined that more evidence is needed after the wetts have used their six days and the drys have used their six succeeding days, it will summon whom please," Chairman Mead's said.

The hearing was begun with an opening statement from Senator Cap- Bruce, Democrat, Maryland, author of a resolution to permit States and cities to decide whether they want prohibition, or liquor dispensed by the Government under the Canadian system.

Bruce's Charge

Bruce charged the prohibition law has no true moral sanction of the public back.

He charged that drunkenness has increased; that the law itself encouraged faithless administration; that corruption has grown among officials; that 300 smugglers are besieging the coast; that even prison inmates are making their brew by simple process; that temperance has been forgotten and that the law is breaking down completely. To remedy these alleged conditions, Bruce suggested that the United States adopt the Canadian system of local option and government distribution.

The Government has tried honestly for six years to enforce the law, he contended.

"Never in the history of free institutions has any government more pertinaciously sought to carry out a policy obnoxious to a powerful segment of the population than has the Federal Government in its relation to the Vol- stead act."

Prof. Amos E. Eberle is director of the organization. Soloists are: Prof. Harry R. Behrens, Walter S. Ambroster, Marcus J. Engleman, Myron E. Barnes and Marion R. Martin. Officers are Ambroster, president; Neil E. Rost, vice president; Engleman, business manager, and Arthur H. Knippenberg, secretary.

There are twenty-three members.

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