

## 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 in 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 \$1,692.06 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 Others—91 Arraigned.

Motions to quash indictments against Roy E. Castetter, 324 N. Gladstone Ave.; George C. Megordon, 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 worth of employees of the Tuxedo State Bank.

Castetter also is charged with embezzlement and Miss Neary and Megordon 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 Gales, Negro, pleaded not guilty to first degree murder charges. John W. Grimesley, 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 on Jan. 22, 1925, bound for Atlanta penitentiary from which he had escaped on March 27, 1925, it was learned that 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 "key" went to Federal authorities with diagrams and information revealing the plot.

It is believed that if Chapman changes, the great bandit known as the most efficient working organization of this type, will completely disappear. Charles, "One-Arm" Wolfe, 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 unexplained.

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 "squealed" on him and 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 married to a prosperous merchant in Providence, R. I.

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

## Doomed Slayer of Nephew Unmoved



ANDY FARRIS

Without feeling over the "ghostly" 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 Knoxville, 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 SELF

Soldier Also Wounds His Mother-in-Law.

By United Press

ANNISTON, Ala., April 5.—Angered when 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, wounded his mother-in-law and then shot himself in the mouth. Attendees at the hospital where Floris was removed, said he would die.

## Marriage Licenses

Eldon J. Sandell, 21, Ft. Harrison, soldier; Dorothy Messinger, 18, 1326 Finley, stenographer.

Frank W. Stubbs, 61, Terre Haute, Ind., garage owner; Helen Herod, 30, Terre Haute, Ind., housewife.

Willard C. James, 31, 1301 English, shipping clerk; Anna M. Harding, 30, 802 Fletcher, stenographer.

Robert C. Hargrave, 27, 2901 Charles, truck driver; Elma E. Ertzinger, 21, 834 S. Delaware.

Jack Osest, 35, city mechanic; Mary L. Griffin, 19, 723 Buchanan.

Amos Brubaker, 25, 828 N. Washington, bookbinder; Annie Snyder, 21, 334 S. Delaware.

John E. Knox, 27, 2241 N. Capitol, painter; Ruth R. Rooker, 20, 218 S. Capitol, domestic.

Lee Crady, 130 N. Delaware, cove maker; Elsie Wilson, 21, 1210 Union, hairdresser.

Frederick Smith, 21, 1019, McCarthy, teacher; Margaret L. Perkins, 21, 573 N. Lynn, domestic.

Robert Hill, 28, 2122 Northwest, insurance agent; D. Stearns, 23, 2220 N. Washington, salesman.

John R. O'Donnell, 27, 1211 Reformation, artist; Alice St. Clair, 25, 1729 N. Meridian.

John Cooper, 19, 25 Columbia, foundry work; Pinkie Evans, 19, 441 Arsenal.

Robert H. Hargrave, 27, 2220 N. Washington, electrical contractor; Lillian Taylor, 30, 25 S. Delaware.

Damon Edwards, 40, 427 N. Alabama, shoemaker; Ruth J. Richardson, 30, 309 S. Delaware, domestic.

John M. Moore, 27, 3706 Washington, salesman; Mary C. Trimble, 21, 3130 N. Delaware.

Eugene H. Hargrave, 28, 619 N. Delaware, milk maker; Bertha E. Merand, 28, 3134 S. Walnut, domestic.

Ralph C. Smith, 27, 514 E. Walnut, real estate; John E. Hargrave, 27, 1023 W. Vermont, domestic.

Leonard Hargrave, Lillian Meisberger, 25, 3134 S. Walnut, domestic.

## FRANK WRIGHT IS BACKED FOR HOUSE SPEAKER

Coffin and Prohibition Factions 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. Schortemeier has promised Wright a leave of absence if elected.

## BANDIT BEGS FOR OWN LIFE

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necticut. He said he was in solitary confinement at Atlanta and was given no information that the transfer was planned.

"One postoffice 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 I don't think so. I am composed of a peculiar sense of humor; 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. I were half the actor that Mr. Alcorn is I might present you with a house and recrimination and reference 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 session 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 bandit's cell, not far from the conference room, and brought him 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 of its 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.

After the noose is adjusted a guide rope releases this weight on the other side of the death chamber wall and the condemned man is jerked sharply upward. It is contended that the first upward swing breaks his neck, bringing death instantly and painlessly.

However, if the upward rush does not kill him the sharp jerk back when the weight reaches the floor on the other side of the wall breaks his neck. The condemned man is allowed to hang until it is certain that the spark of life is extinguished and then is cut down.

## NO REFUND, OPINION

Full Auto License Fee to Be Charged Says Gilliam.

No rebate 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. Schortemeier. The \$1 transfer fee shall be charged in all cases, he held.

## COOLIDGES 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 arnica and iodine headquarters for guests who might be injured during the annual 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-two marble fountains or other furniture that might tempt the youthful souvenir hunters.

## Expect 40,000

Nearly 40,000 guests are expected. Not that these guests are rugged in manner, but it has been the experience in the past that some appear

## TWENTY AUTO ARRESTS MADE

Twelve Drivers Face Speed Charges.

Twenty motorists were arrested over the week-end, twelve being charged with speeding, three with driving while intoxicated and five with violating other traffic rules.

Alleged speeders were: James L. Talbott, 19, of 6231 Park Ave.; Charles L. Sauer, 33, of 115 E. Forty-Eighth St.; Edward L. Mitchell, 45, of 3146 N. Delaware St.; Earl L. Unger, 27, of 1201 N. Chestnut St.; L. L. Lineberger, 13, of 2237 Talbott Ave.; Howard W. Fiebert, 27, of 361 Hampton Dr. and Dock Snyder, 26, of 4791 Schofield Ave.

Harry O'Haver, 25, of 415 N. Illinois St.; William Evans, 37, of 20 N. Arlington Ave.; Floyd Jackson, 32, of 32 N. Webster Ave.; Fred Sanders, 17, of 2920 N. Capitol Ave.; Neal Green, 26, of 1027 N. Dearborn St.

Those charged with driving while intoxicated were: George Moss, 45, of 623 E. Washington St.; John W. Rodgers, 27, of 703½ E. Market St.; and Otto Hopkins, 42, of R. R. C.

## DRY LAW CHIEF FIRST WITNESS

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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 Time

"If the committee determined that more evidence is needed after the wets have used their six days and the dries have used their six succeeding days, it will summon whom it pleases," Chairman Mead said.

The hearing was begun with an opening statement from Senator Cabel 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 of it.

He charged that drunkenness has increased; that the law itself encouraged faithless administration; that corruption has grown among officials; that 200 smugglers are besetting 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 obviously to a powerful support than has the Federal Government in its relation to the Volstead act."

"But it has fostered deceit, perjury, espionage and tyranny. It has lowered the prestige of the Federal Government. It has rendered more than one sober American citizen who gave his blood or treasure freely to our national cause during the World War to ask whether our forefathers did not shed their blood in the cause of American liberty at Bunker Hill and Camden in vain."

Bruce argued for the Canadian system.

Senator Walter E. Edge, Republican, New Jersey, leader of the congressional wet bloc, was to submit his proposal for a national referendum on prohibition and his bill to amend the Volstead act, which now permits nothing of more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol by substituting a phrase "non-intoxicating in fact."

## Permits Beer

This latter amendment would permit manufacture of beer and light wines provided they are "non-intoxicating in fact"—that is, wines and beers of strength which could not be taken in sufficient quantities to induce drunkenness.

Then Col. Julian Cotesman, legal adviser of the consolidated wet organization, was to make a brief statement before the first witness of the wets, General Lincoln Andrews, in charge of national prohibition enforcement, was called to the stand

to have learned etiquette from Donald 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 eat the eggs and then pommade poisoning is not uncommon. Breaking a ten-minute egg over the head of one's playmate occasionally results in a rash order for the arnica. And when you get several thousand children together, it is not impossible that some arguments will arise and fist fights ensue.

All in all, it has been a poor Easter party during which some guest was not carried off in an ambulance to Emergency Hospital, hardly 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 knolls 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 came to attend a concert given by the United States Marine Band.

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

Among those to appear are Andrews, District Attorney Buckner of New York, Bishop Charles Fiske of Utica, N. Y.; Rabbi Alexander Lyon of Brooklyn, Mayor William Dever of Chicago, Matthew Wolf of the A. P. 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 dries 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 parched tongues now hanging out of thirsty throats will increase rapidly.

## If Wets Win

On the other hand, if the wets make their case stick, the next Congress probably will have a smaller dry strength, enforcement probably by ultimate weakening of the Volstead act—something more than one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol will come into general acceptance.

As three-fourths of the States must approve any alteration of the Eighteenth Amendment, a change in this foundation of Federal prohibition is far, far away, even if prohibition loses its case.

But as laws are in the long run the formal expression of public opinion, there have been many indications that mark a turning point in the prohibition experiment. They will set general opinion running in one of two directions. They are likely either to convince the country that prohibition is a good thing and can be enforced eventually, or that a mistake has been made and that whatever desirable social ends were sought through prohibition, the method was wrong.

## CLUB TO GIVE PROGRAM

Concert at Second Reformed Church Thursday.

The Glee Club of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, will present a program at 8 p. m. Thursday at Second Reformed Church, Alabama and Merrill Sts. The event is being sponsored by the eight Reformed churches of Indianapolis. There will be no admission charge.

Prof. Amos S. Ebersole is director of the organization. Soloists are: Prof. Harry R. Behrens, Walter S. Ambrose, Marcus J. Englemann, Myron B. Barnes and Marion E. Martin.

President, Neil B. Reston, vice president, Englemann, business manager, and Arthur H. Knippenberg, secretary. There are twenty-three members.

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## NEW MEN ARE GIVEN JOBS OF UNION STRIKERS

Announcement Made by Officials of Contractors' Association.

Nonunion hoisting engineers and painters and decorators today took over duties of union men, who are on strike in Indianapolis. It was announced by officials of the General Contractors' Association, the employers' organization.

The tradesmen, with the sheet metal workers, walked out Thursday after the association refused to grant wage increases asked by workers at the expiration of the wage scale agreements.

## Others to Be Hired

Employers of sheet metal workers will employ nonunion men if the strike is not ended soon, it was said.

"It is no longer possible for this organization to deal with labor unions which continue to make these demands," association officials said.

"Because of the number of unemployed men in the city construction work can continue uninterrupted."

## Business Agents Meet

Business Agents of the Marion County Building Trades Council, representing strikers, met this morning and discussed the situation. No statement was issued.

It was said neither organization has made any advances toward compromise on the wage scales.

Increases of 10 to 20 cents an hour are asked.

## CHAPMAN PENS OWN EPITAPH

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and glamor and halo of romance. One by one in his last days of life perished colorful legends built when he wore the title of "super-bandit."

Perhaps the cruellest of these revelations was one which robbed him of his oft-told glamorous love story. "Betty Beeswax" was known as "Pooky" Dillon, as the police knew her. She was the "mystery" woman in his past. A "society" matron of Providence, R. I., who had been his great love. In this tale it was related that it was his love for "Betty" that had been his undoing in Muncie, Ind., where he had successfully hidden in a cottage that bore a doctor's placard.

It was said that Chapman had indiscreetly written to "Betty" that these letters were intercepted by police and Chapman traced to his hiding place, where, it will be recalled, he tried to shoot an arresting officer.

Perhaps, somewhere in his life, there was a "Betty," but the "Betty Beeswax" of Providence is now dissolved and, instead, there rises the pockmarked face of a one-time crook, pal of underworld years.

"Pooky" Dillon, as the police knew him, the Providence letters, it has been revealed, were to this one-time partner in crime, "planted" by the police as a trap for Chapman.

Dillon, who had been serving time, "squealed," gained his release through an arrangement with County Detective Hickey, of the Hartford staff, and used the initial "B" in signing letters that were credited to "Betty."

stepped in Chapman carelessly left a brown kit bag behind him—and that was that.

Then, in his last feverish efforts to escape Westfield's newly contrived scaffold, Chapman tore off the trappings of a "super-bandit."

He had not been the "master mind" of the thrilling Atlanta prison escape, he said; he had not been the "master mind" of the great post office robbery; he had had no phantom, but merely one, who having once been involved in crime, was blamed for a dozen and one things he had not done.

Not a single gesture of heroics did he leave himself; not an ounce of glamor for which he did not himself act executioner.

The very nature of the crime for which his death was demanded, like the final deed of his pal, Dutch Anderson, detracted from his criminal glory. Anderson, the much glorified "master," was engaged in the petty crime of crime when he met his end. Chapman was reduced to the role of robber of a small town store in which the reward would have been most trivial to a "super-crook."

Not even the picturesque name of Gerald Chapman is to remain. For, if his sister claims his body—as it is believed she will—the family records may show him as "George Chapman."