

## GOVERNMENT ACE OFFERS CANTON AID

Federal Prosecutor Bernstein Consents to Assist Mellett Murder Probers.

WOULD ACT PERSONALLY

Meanwhile, Flaws Are Found in Mazer Alibi.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 20.—United States District Attorney A. Bernstein, whose successful prosecution of bootleggers has attracted nationwide attention, consented today, before leaving on a week's vacation, to assist personally with the grand jury probe of the Don R. Mellett murder at Canton.

"I have been requested by wire and letter to take a hand in the Stark County grand jury investigation of the Mellett murder and crime conditions in Canton," Bernstein told the United Press. "If the citizens of Stark County want me I shall be glad to go without remuneration, providing the attorney general permits. I consider it a civic duty."

Carl Studer, one of three men arrested on liquor conspiracy charges arising from the murder investigation, was offered freedom on low bond, following a full confession of his part in Canton bootleg activities.

Originally set for \$15,000, Bernstein reduced the figure to \$2,500, because "Studer told us what we wanted to know." Friends of Studer predicted, however, that he would not take advantage of the offer, preferring the safety of Cuyahoga County jail to precarious freedom.

A number of Canton police officials, including a police court judge, were implicated in the bootleg ring blamed by authorities for Mellett's death, according to reports from the Federal building. Further arrests are expected on the strength of his statements.

Louis Mazer, charged with murder as well as conspiracy, will not be released on bail. Norman Clark, former assistant to Mellett, who was in Canton, the third arrested, was released last Thursday under bond. "It was also reported to have given Federal agents useful information."

"Atlanta Federal penitentiary even looks like an oasis to Mazer and Clark in the predicament they are in," said Howard Leuck, who is handling the Federal liquor probe at Canton. "Both told everything they could without implicating themselves in the Mellett murder."

ALIBI HAMMERED

Flaws Found in Story Told By Louis Mazer.

CANTON, Ohio, Aug. 19.—Alibi of Louis Mazer, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, was under careful investigation by Joseph R. Roach, special police counsel, and others working on the case here today.

Two discrepancies appeared in Mazer's account of his actions before and after the murder, according to Roach. Mazer said he was at the home of Floyd Streitenberger, a policeman, at the time Mellett was shot.

Streitenberger, interviewed in Buffalo where he was attending a convention, corroborated Mazer's story. He told interviewers, however, that he had not been friendly with Mazer for three years. Roach said today he has learned that Streitenberger and Mazer have been especially intimate the last few months.

The Stark County grand jury which is probing the Mellett murder was adjourned today until next Wednesday to allow further time to collect evidence and to await appointment of a special assistant to County Prosecutor C. B. McClintock.

DENY RUMORS

Brothers of McDermott Believe He Is Dead.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Aug. 20.—Thomas and Bernard McDermott, brothers of Patrick McDermott, wanted in Canton, Ohio, in connection with the murder of Don R. Mellett, today denied rumors from Ohio that Patrick was on his way from Washington, D. C., to Nanticoke, where the brothers reside. They do not know where he is. In fact, they have voiced a suspicion that Patrick McDermott is dead—done away with because he knew facts that might solve the murder.

MUNCIE DRIVER HURT

Receives Broken Arm, Leg When Car Overtakes.

Charles Golder, 24 of Muncie, received a broken right arm and left leg today in an automobile accident at Twenty-First St. and Emerson Ave. Long Hospital attaches said he may have internal injuries.

Golder's machine overturned twice after striking an auto driven by Miss Edith Henninger, 2124 Hawthorne Ave.

FARM BUREAU INCORPORATES

Articles of Incorporation for the Lake County farm bureau were filed at the Statehouse today. No capital stock is provided.

## St. George, You're a Piker

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Dragons that blow smoke from their noses, eat a small pony for Sunday dinner, built like giant lizards, some twelve feet long, with long claws and long red tongues, which they flourish in the air were reported to exist on the island of Komodo, off the coast of Australia, by Alan Cobham, the British aviator, on his air return to London from Australia. He described the dragons as terrible creatures emitting vapor like the ones St. George killed.

On report of the discovery scientists became interested, believing that the reptiles might be a link remaining from some prehistoric age. Now word has come that a party of American sportsmen soon will leave London to bring home a sample.

POLICE AND FIRE

LADDIES LAUNCH

BIG FIELD DAYS

Ball Game Opens Pension

Fund Benefit Affair at

Fairground.

The opening event of the police and firemen's field days at the State fairground today was a baseball game between the firemen and police which ended in a tie in the tenth inning. The tie will be played on tomorrow morning as a feature of the second day and last day of the field events.

Firemen claimed the game by a 3-to-2 score, but police charged that Rip Turner, the firemen's pitcher, batted out of turn in the tenth, and it was decided to call the game a tie. Hod Eller pitched for police.

The celebration, which is backed by numerous civic organizations, is being held to raise funds for pensions for police and firemen.

The baseball game was to be followed by field events, under direction of Paul R. Jordan.

Track Meet

The Indiana-Kentucky A. A. U. championship track and field meet began at 1:30 p. m. to be followed by horse and bicycle races.

The Coliseum will be the scene of a horse show tonight. Exhibitors of all types of riding with awards of prizes for the successful competitors were scheduled.

Palmer Laycock and his orchestra will play for a dance in the exposition building tonight and tomorrow night from 8 to 12.

Drills and Dances

With baseball games from crack playground organizations, drills and folk dances, the city recreation department was to aid the field day committee in today's program.

The entertainment, 11 a. m. boys' ball game, Negro, Park Creek vs. School 24; 2 p. m. boys' ball game, Garfield Park vs. School 30; 3:30 p. m. girls' ball game, Brightwood vs. Willard Park; 7:30 p. m. volleyball game, Brightwood vs. Riley; 8 p. m. singing, school girls; 8:15 p. m. Charleston, solo and chorus; Lewis Flowers and Military and Riley playground girls; 8:25 p. m. group dances, country dance, Danish dance; 8:40 p. m. folk dances; 9 p. m. flag drill; 9:20 p. m. singing.

ALGER, IN PRISON,

TELLS NEW STORY

Young Slayer of Policeman, Removed From Hospital,

Says He Returned Officer's Fire in Hotel.

Gene Alger, 18, of 1710 E. Market St., confessed slayer of Trafficman John Buchanan, called the "cry baby murderer" by police, today was removed to city prison from city hospital.

The young slayer told a new story of the shooting of the officer July 9 at the Bever Hotel, 226 N. Capitol Ave., when Buchanan sought to arrest the youth after an alleged attempt to steal an auto.

Alger had pulled a revolver from a package he was carrying, fired between two other officers who first arrested him and fled. He later was shot by officers who captured him.

Gives Version

In a weak condition, as result of wounds in the back and leg, Alger today gave this version of the killing:

"While hiding in the closet I heard someone coming down the hall. Instead of saying something, the officer fired two shots, which startled me. The door caught on a rug or something and I could not get out so I returned the fire."

"I had started to pawn the gun which was won in a card game. The reason I ran was that I attended Butler University and did not want my name to appear in the papers after being arrested."

Parents "Wonderful"

Expressing sorrow over the tragedy, Alger broke into tears when asked if his parents were still standing by him.

"Wonderful," he sobbed.

Alger gave a clouded picture of the incident in a statement to police the day of the shooting, and admitted firing at "someone." Hospital attaches at first did not expect him to survive.

Marion County grand jury has indicted the youth for murder and Prosecutor William H. Remy will ask the life penalty, he said. The

## 88 U. S. BEER AGENTS OPEN WAR ON SUDS

Brigade Intends to Remove Beverage From Market by Christmas.

COL. WADDELL IN CHARGE

Andrews Is Confident He Will Succeed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—The newly organized Federal beer squad under Col. James C. Waddell took to the field today in an attempt to remove beer from the bootleg market by Christmas.

Millions of gallons of genuine beer is reaching thirty citizens annually, and assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews has ordered Waddell to stop the leak.

Waddell has eighty-eight agents under his command to check on breweries and cereal beverage plants. These detectives will also war on "wild-cat" breweries which produce large quantities of high-powered beer.

With a Federal tax on one-tenth of a gallon imposed on cereal beverages, prohibition investigators have authority to enter all such manufacturing plants to ascertain if the beverage made meet legal requirements.

"Ally" Squad Active

Special attention will be given plants where high-powered beer is made and then de-alcoholized to one-half of one percent before being distributed.

At the same time, Andrews' alcohol squad swung into action against the diversion of 15,000,000 gallons of commercial alcohol into bootleg channels each year.

The most offensive of the alcohol brigade also is aimed at "needle" or "shot" beer. Prohibition leaders feel that with the exit of real beer, speak-easies will take near-beer and put a kick in it by "shooting" in 3 percent of raw alcohol.

Sure of Success

Andrews is convinced Waddell can stop the flow of beer within four months and that once it is removed from the market it will never return.

Waddell started his drive by going to Pennsylvania to investigate the beer situation in that State. A large percentage of the beer distributed in the East is made in the Keystone State, he believes.

Roosevelt Flays

Vote Slush Funds

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Great sums must not be spent to control elections, Theodore Roosevelt told members of the Young Men's Republican Club at a dinner Thursday night.

"It makes but little difference whether they are raised from big corporations or levied as the price of protection of illegal operations such as gambling," he said.

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Coroner Paul F. Robinson this afternoon investigated a report that a man had been struck and killed by a Nickel Plate Railroad train eight miles north of Castleton. Nickel Plate officials here also had the report.

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Drifts Ten Days in Arctic; Lives

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, Aug. 20.—John Owen, 59, fisherman from Provincetown, Mass., drifted for ten days in an open dory on Bering sea, lived on raw fish and rainwater wrung from his clothes, and had given himself up as doomed when tides cast his leaking small boat ashore at Sarichef Light, Thursday night.

He recounted his battle with the northern elements as he lay on a cot in the home of the United States deputy marshal at Unalakleet, awaiting the monthly mail steamer, due Saturday, which will

carry him to the Public Health Hospital at Cordova. Owen told how with luck and New England courage on his side, he defeated an angry sea, sleepless nights, starvation and exposure to ice chilled air.

He was fishing from the schooner Gallilee, forty miles north of Sanak Island. He had rowed his small boat perhaps half a mile from the ship, he said. With typical suddenness a sharp squall arose, whipping the sea into high waves which tore one of his oars away.

The sea continued rising with steadily increasing wind. Attempts

## BOY, FACING ROPE, CAN'T COMPREHEND

Youth Who Attacked Child Fails to Realize Death Sentence.

WELCH, W. Va., Aug. 20.—Unable to comprehend the significance of the death sentence imposed upon him, Adam Burgess, 15, remains in the county jail here undisturbed by his fate and uninterested in the moves being made to save him.

The boy, a moron, was convicted of criminal attack upon the 9-year-old daughter of a coal miner at Havao, a mile from here. Without a normal mind, Adam was unable to realize the seriousness of the crime, nor was he able to understand what his trial was all about.

When Judge James A. Strothers pronounced the sentence he said: "Your crime is beyond comment, and it is the sentence of this court that you be taken to the State penitentiary and confined there until Oct. 29 when you shall be hanged by the neck until you are dead," but to the boy it meant nothing. Prison officials say he has no conception of death, and cannot be made to understand what faces him.

The boy's attorneys have secured a stay of execution for sixty days, and are working on papers which will be filed in an attempt to at least change the sentence to one of life imprisonment.

Yes, Sir, Policemen

Walk Right on In

PEABODY, Mass., Aug. 20.—Nick Pappas today enjoyed the unusual experience of having the police deliver to his home pre-prohibition liquor worth \$50,000.

Back into Nick's cellar went most of the 1,580 gallons of whisky, 15 gallons of gin and 400 gallons of beer seized during a raid three years ago.

Recently a court ruled that the raid was illegal and ordered the liquor returned.

'UNLOADED' RIFLE KILLS

Hoosier Boy Victim of Gun In Hands of Nine-Year-Old Brother.

KENDALLVILLE, Ind., Aug. 20.—Harry Patterson, 17, was almost instantly killed today when his brother Raymond, 9, pointed an "unloaded" rifle at him and pulled the trigger.

The shot pierced Harry's heart.

FIVE BANDITS ROB GIRL

WARSAW, Ind., Aug. 20.—Five bandits riding in an automobile which bore an Illinois license plate, today held up and robbed Miss Josephine Edwards of this city.

The bandits took a diamond ring valued at \$100.

Miss Edwards is in a hospital recovering from the shock.

WORKMAN FOUND DEAD

Authorities are investigating to learn the cause of the death today of Frank Althman, 59, of 2139 Madison Ave., found dead at work at the Belt Railroad and Kentucky Ave.

Althman, an employee of the Belt, was operating a coal hoist and it was thought he might have been electrocuted. The body was sent to city morgue for an autopsy by Sergeant Owens.

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## JAY-WALKING DRIVE HALTS THREE DAYS

Police Arrest Eighteen Persons in Street Crossing Campaign.

NO MORE TILL MONDAY

But All Violators Caught Will Be Warned.

With eighteen persons arrested in the police drive on jay-walking, Traffic Inspector Lester Jones today granted three days of grace to those in the habit of violating the city ordinance prohibiting pedestrians from crossing downtown street intersections diagonally or against the traffic.

No arrests will be made on the jay-walking charge today, Saturday and Sunday, but on Monday arrests will begin again, Jones said.

To Warn All Caught

Until Monday, traffic officers will warn all caught violating the ordinance.

Rearrest of the four men and one woman arrested Wednesday in the drive was ordered by City Prosecutor Arthur Dinsmore when they failed to appear in municipal court Thursday afternoon for trial. They will be forced to provide \$50 bond to insure their appearance in court next Wednesday.

Thirteen Arrested

Twelve men and one woman were arrested Thursday at Senate Ave. and Court St., where the arrests were made Wednesday. It was at this corner that Miss Mary Lenihan was struck by a truck and killed Monday. Those arrested Thursday: J. C. Mathews, 24, of 1823 Ruckle St.; R. McGuffin, 30, State and Comar Aves.; Frank Griffin, 35, of 1532 W. Washington St.; J. Fishberg, 42, of 3041 Ruckle St.; R. M. Dewese, 62, of R. R. A. Box 536; Arnold Cook, 20, of 328 N. Euclid Ave.; Sherman Fletcher, 62, of 3 Emerson Pl.; Edward Moore, 25, of 626 Massachusetts Ave.; Mike Cole, 45, of 556 W. Washington St.; W. J. Duncan, 49, Clayport Hotel; George Davis, 18, of 17 Berwick Ave.; Harry Foltz, 21, of 327 Minerva St.; and Mrs. Helen Hinds, 41, of 516 N. Cable St.

WOOL GROWERS

OF STATE FILE

Association Incorporates

With Eleven Directors.

Plans for a systematic disposal of Indiana's yearly wool supply were laid today with incorporation of the Indiana Wool Growers' Association with headquarters in Indianapolis.

Eleven directors have been chosen, one from each of ten districts and one representing the Indiana Farm Bureau. The directors:

Will L. Brown, Rushville; Basil F. Marshall, Shelby; Charles Poland, Fairland; Clarence Laufer, New Palestine; Anson Thomas, New Richmond; B. C. Cooke, Dana; Henry E. Payne, Fairmount; I. W. Shultz, Howe; W. P. Lloyd, Union Mills; J. H. Bone, Lafayette; and T. L. Peris of Pleasant Lake, representing the bureau. No capital stock is provided.

VALENTINO SPENDS

'RESTLESS' NIGHT

But Condition Is Not Alarming—Orders Roses for Nurse

Who Says 'He's Just a Big Boy.'

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Rudolph Valentino, film actor, ill since Sunday after an operation for appendicitis and gastric ulcers, spent a restless night, but his condition was not alarming, it was said at the hospital today.

His temperature was nearly normal today and his general condition satisfactory.

Attending physicians have discontinued issuing bulletins on the actor's condition.

Valentino had sufficiently recovered to direct that a huge bouquet of pink roses be sent to Miss Pearl Franks, the diminutive and expeditious

ingly attractive brunette nurse who attends him by day.

"He's just a big boy," Miss Franks commented on her patient.

F. George Ullman, Valentino's personal manager, who sees him daily, said Miss Franks had given Valentino "motherly attention" and evidently she and the master lover of the screen were getting along fine though that Valentino proved to be rather restless patient.

"I don't want that darned stuff," he told Miss Franks when she brought him a bowl of broth, according to Ullman—but Miss Franks' eyes twinkled, she smiled and pretty soon all the broth had trickled down the Valentino throat.

PAIR TO GRAND JURY

Youth and Father-in-Law Said to Have Violated Dry Act.

Lester Clark, 18, of 713 Norwood St., and Thomas Utterbach, 61, 1322 Ashland Ave., the boy's father-in-law, were held to the Federal grand jury today for alleged violation of the prohibition act. Clark's bond was set at \$500 and Utterbach's at \$1,000.

The men and Clark's wife, Mrs. Emily Clark, were arrested in an alley near Thirty-Sixth and Illinois Sts. Thursday night with ten gallons of alcohol. The booze and an automobile were seized. Mrs. Clark was released.

## Wife Sticks by Husband Despite 'Other Woman'



Mrs. Elsie McGlasson and her baby, Thelma, age 2.

CALLES REJECTS

CATHOLIC PLEAS

FOR ARMISTICE

Mexican President Advises

Episcopate to Resort to

Congress or Courts.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 20.—President Calles of Mexico definitely rejected the truce proposals advanced by the Catholic Church, and dispelled any hope on the part of the episcopate that the religious situation will be changed before the opening of Congress in September, if then.

"You have rightfully exercised your right of petition by applying to one of those able to initiate laws,"

Report Denied

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 20.—Reports that Mexican troops were being sent to border cities by authorities fearing revolutionary outbreaks there could not be verified here today.

President Calles wrote, "but I must sincerely tell you that I am the least fitted person to comply with said petition... as the constitutional articles contained are in perfect accordance with my philosophical and political conviction."

The consistency of the courts in upholding the governmental policies makes success of an appeal to the courts almost impossible, it is asserted.

Four persons were killed and at least four were wounded in Thursday's gun battle in Madero Ave. when seven men ambushed Governor Thomas Garrido de Tabasco in front of the Iturbide Hotel.

Says He Deserted Her

Mrs. McGlasson No. 2 said McGlasson wooed her at New Albany, Ind., and deserted her a few weeks after they were married at Cincinnati.

Although she never saw the marriage license, she has proof that they lived together as man and wife, she declared.

The defense will attempt to show that McGlasson did not pursue Mrs. Bridgewater, but she pursued him, his attorney said in court.

Before she received a divorce from Bridgewater, she wrote McGlasson saying she would like to hear from him. He was "still single," the attorney said. McGlasson contends there was no marriage of any kind.

J. E. Bayless, local Department of Justice chief, questioned McGlasson at the Federal building this afternoon. If his alleged marriage to Mrs. Bridgewater was not legal, he might be charged with a Mann act violation, it was indicated.

TO TRY TO MAKE IT RAIN

Navy to Shoot Charged Sand Into Clouds Monday.

HARTFORD, CONN., Aug. 20.—Although almost continuous rain poured for over a week up until today, efforts to bring more rain will be made here on Monday when electrically charged sand will be shot into the clouds over this city.

Two navy planes will fire the sand into the clouds—if clouds can be found. The rainmaking experiments are being carried on under the auspices of the navy.

PARDONS MEXICAN REBEL

"Ma" Ferguson Gives Full Freedom to General Angel.

AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 20.—Former Mexican General Jose E. R. Angel was given full pardon from the Texas Penitentiary today by Governor "Ma" Ferguson. Angel was convicted in 1913 of attempting to organize a revolution on American soil to invade Mexico.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. .... 71 10 a. m. .... 77