

# NATION SEARCHED FOR ALLEGED SLAYERS OF OFFICERS

## 1,000 IN QUEST FOR BODIES OF SHERIFF'S AIDS

Belief Grows That Death Was Fate of Lafayette Men.

RIVER MAY HOLD KEY

High Water of the Wabash Hampers Hunt for Corpses.

By United Press

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 13.—

While 1,000 posmen searched today for the bodies of Deputy-Sheriffs Wallace McClure and John P. Grove, a nation-wide police search was ordered for Samuel Baxter and John Burns, the two men who are believed responsible for disappearance of the officers.

McClure and Grove have not been seen since they left here late Tuesday for the Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton, where they were taking Baxter and Burns to serve sentences.

Police officers, sheriffs, deputies, members of the American Legion and hundreds of volunteers today continued an intensive search for McClure and Grove.

Every possible hiding place between Lafayette and Danville, Ill., where the prisoners made a short visit to relatives after their getaway, has been searched without success.

**Murder Belief Grows**

Belief is becoming more strongly fixed that if the deputies were murdered and their bodies thrown into the Wabash River, high water so far has prevented a search along the banks of the stream and the bodies may be carried down river for miles before being found. Among concrete developments in the case so far is finding at Decatur, Ill., of the automobile in which the ill-fated party left Lafayette.

**Submit Attack Evidence**

A bullet hole through the windshield evidently was made from the inside, police declared after examining the car when it was returned here Sunday night. This gives support to the theory that Burns and Baxter attacked the deputies with a crank, which was known to have been in the rear of the automobile, and then shot them with their own pistols.

A horseshoe robe was missing from the car, and it is believed the boys used this to cover the bodies of their victims.

A hat and one of a pair of rubbers belonging to Grove and a belt from a coat of Burns were found beside a highway near the home of Walter Sheets at Maple Point.

Sheets told authorities he heard shots about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning.

**MAN FOUND IN CREEK**

SUICIDE, SAYS CORONER

Verdict Returned In Death of Homer Cobb; Faced Police Charge.

Deputy Coroner O. H. Bakemier today returned a suicide verdict in the death of Homer Cobb, 44, of 1818 S. Meridian St., whose body was taken from Eagle Creek, near Washington St. bridge, Sunday.

Police dragged the body from the water after Cobb's automobile was found at 20 N. Berwick St. and his hat was found on the creek bank.

Cobb, said to be suffering mental illness, left his home Thursday. His trial on a charge of disturbing a religious meeting was continued in municipal court Friday.

Survivors are the widow, from whom he was separated; a brother, William Cobb, 1536 Draper St., and four children, who reside in Martinsville.

**SHOW DRIVER LENIENCY**

Anderson Man, In Accident Here, Was Taking Supplies to Miners.

Because the truck he was driving contained clothing and supplies for destitute miners at Bicknell, Ind., John Morgan, 24, of Anderson, Ind., was let off with a \$5 fine and suspended costs by Municipal Judge Paul Wetter today after his arrest Sunday following an accident.

Morgan passed a stop sign and drove the truck into the automobile of Otto Gray, of 831 S. Tremont St., at Morris and Meridian Sts. Both machines were damaged badly.

Frank M. Levy, Anderson, was a passenger on the truck. He told the judge that they were taking clothing to the miners, which had been collected by Anderson Spanish War veterans. Morgan was fined for passing the stop sign and assault and battery charges were suspended.

**TWO INJURED IN CRASH**

Automobile Turns Over After Hitting Rut in Street.

Miss Dorothy Story, 23, R. T. Box 8, and her brother, Clifford Story, 22, were injured slightly early today when an automobile in which they were riding turned over after hitting a rut at Southeastern Ave. and Rural St. They were taken to City hospital.

**Man and Wife Burned to Death**

By United Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Joseph Dorf, 28, and his wife, Sarah, 27, burned to death when they trapped them in the bedroom of their home. Dorf retired early. When Mrs. Dorf went to the room she found it in flames. She died in an attempt to rescue her husband.

## Jurors Are Chosen for Trial of Governor Jackson



## HILL TRIAL IS NEAR ITS CLOSE

Case Will Reach Jury Wednesday or Thursday.

By United Press

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 13.—Closing arguments were to begin today in the trial of Harry Hill, charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Eliza A. Hill.

As attorneys began their addresses, the jury had under consideration a maze of legal entanglements, based largely on circumstantial evidence, which the State has woven around Hill in an attempt to prove the youth shot his mother and then buried her body in the basement of their Streator home.

The defense has relied almost solely on character witnesses to disprove the State's case. The prosecution's case was based on a contention that the murder was committed about Aug. 4 or 5. The defense introduced witnesses who testified they saw Mrs. Hill alive several days later than this.

It was expected the case would go to the jury by Wednesday night or Thursday.

## MOLESTERS IN COURT

Two Men Face Charges of Assault.

Earl Craig, 29, of 625 Erie St., and Henry Sheekles, 19, of 17 N. Berwick Ave., alleged to have attacked more than a dozen women in the southwest section of the city, faced arraignment in Municipal Court today.

The men were arrested Sunday afternoon after Police Chief Claude M. Worley had ordered a thorough search for the man who attacked Mrs. Genevieve Bennett, 26, of 1321 Gillette St., while she was returning home from work Saturday night.

Mrs. Bennett told police that she was crossing the Vandalla railroad tracks at Division St. when the man grabbed her. She broke away and ran, but he overtook her and, after a struggle in which her clothing was torn, attacked her, she said.

Sheekles is alleged to have attacked Mrs. Bennett. In a statement to detectives, Craig is alleged to have admitted attacking a dozen women, several of whom identified him, Detective Chief Jerry Kinney said.

Both men have served sentences for the same charges, Kinney said. Both men are held under \$10,000 bond.

**CLAIMS BILL IN SENATE**

Measure Would Repay Aliens for Confiscated Property.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The alien property bill, providing return of war-time sequestered alien property to former owners and reimbursement of American private claimants for war damages, will be considered by the Senate at today's session, according to plans of the bill's sponsors.

Senator King, Democrat, Utah, announced he would offer amendments and other Senators indicated they would speak on the measure. For this reason it is doubtful if the bill will come to a vote today, though early action is expected.

**Gone, but Not Forgotten**

Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:

Jack Quimby, Battery A, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Studebaker, 15-504, from Ohio St. and Capitol Ave.

De Luxe Taxicab Company, 517 N. Talbott Ave., Studebaker, 623-157, from Tenth and Delaware Sts.

J. C. Fagan, 1625 Brier Pl., Ford, from Illinois and Georgia Sts.

Charles C. Ebbelman, 721 Lexington Ave., Ford, from Virginia Ave. and Shelby St.

Otto Starks, R. R. 1, Box 150, Ford, 636-351, from Senate Ave. and Maryland St.

Roscoe Hutton, 2530 Burford St., Ford, 627-183, from Capitol Ave. and Georgia St.

**BACK HOME AGAIN**

Automobiles reported found by police belong to:

Albert Bronson, 227 E. Pratt St., Ford, found at 627 Berwick St.

Harold Kiewit, 409 Leonard Ave., Ford, Michigan St. and Indiana Ave.

C. O. Keeney, 317 E. North St., Overland, Massachusetts Ave. and North St.

D. M. Shields, 525 E. Forty-Ninth St., Oakland, 331 E. Market St.

Jurors for the trial of Governor Ed Jackson, and bailiffs in charge, left to right: Bailiff Clarence Clegg, Ora A. Minnick, David P. Porter, Ivan Fowler, Persey L. Allen, Hubert Adams, Everett McClain, Fred L. Hollweg, Everett S. Penn, Elmer Geiger, Samuel H. Colbert, William H. Howard, the Rev. H. B. Hostetter and Deputy Bailiff Charles Withoff.

## M'Cray Bribe Offer Inside Story Is Told

The inside story of what the State contends happened in the alleged conspiracy of Governor Ed Jackson, Republican County Chairman George V. Coffin and Attorney Robert I. Marsh to bribe former Governor Warren T. McCray was told today by Special Prosecutor Emsley W. Johnson in the opening statement to the jury in the Jackson trial in Criminal Court.

"The State will attempt to show," Johnson said, "that on Dec. 8, they conspired to bribe McCray with \$10,000 to vote for the Republican party." Jackson added.

"Jackson then told McCray Coffin was the greatest political power in the Middle West. Jackson said Lyons also was a great power in the organization of which he was a member."

"Ed, I'm going to appoint William Remy prosecuting attorney for Marion County," McCray said.

"Governor, you are making a great mistake. Hold your decision open for two hours. Come with me about six miles from this point to see a man," Jackson said.

"McCray told him that his office was in the Statehouse. After Jackson's office Stephenson was reached by phone and got in touch with Marsh, a friend of James W. Noel's. Stephenson told Marsh he had never met Noel and that he wanted a proper introduction to him—the best he could get."

"Stephenson got \$10,000 that he had already put away in a convenient place. When they went to Noel's office Stephenson said:

"Noel, you are the attorney for McCray. I don't believe you understood the seriousness of his position. We want McDonald appointed prosecuting attorney and we will give him \$10,000 to pay attorney's fees and through my power we will get an acquittal in our court."

"I'm Surprised, Ed" According to Johnson's statement Noel said he would "not have anything to do with the proposition," but would tell McCray what Stephenson said.

In the meantime, Jackson went back to McCray's office, saying: "You can't afford not to do what we ask, Governor. You step out of the room for a minute and I will put \$10,000 in your drawer and I will never know where it came from. Don't say anything about it."

Johnson said McCray then replied to Jackson that he was "surprised at you Ed. I thought you knew me better than that."

"Ed, I may have lost my fortune after thirty-five years of frugality. I may have lost many of my friends, and I may be convicted, but I have not lost my self-respect," McCray replied.

Johnson then said Jackson warned McCray not to say anything about the proposition and that McCray went to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta fearing to speak of it because that forces that "offered to help him might turn against him and prevent him from getting his parole after serving one-third of his term."

"This story did not become known until it was published July 25, 1927, in The Indianapolis Times, a local newspaper. The matter was submitted to the grand jury and indictments returned."

"We expect to prove Jackson guilty beyond every reasonable doubt, gentlemen of the jury," Johnson closed.

The court admonished the jurors not to speak about the case during the noon recess.

**220 IN POLICE NET**

Nearly Every Offense on Books Charged in Week-End Cleanup.

A total of 220 persons were arrested by police over the week-end. The charges were well distributed, nearly every offense in the police books being brought out for usage.

One alleged gambling game, where police said they seized money and cards as evidence, was raided at the home of Linzia Watkins, 511 Hudson St. She was charged with keeping a gaming house and ten men there, face gambling charges.

Other charges placed were: Intoxication, 53; operating a blind tiger, 35; driving while intoxicated, 11; vagrancy, 60; speeding, 19; traffic, 31.

**Wanted Control of Office**

"Robinson said," Johnson related, "we don't care if Remy is nominated, but we want to control the office until election."

"McCray replied he would not have anything to do with the proposition."

"Robinson returned to the three waiting in Jackson's office and delivered his message."

"Jackson then said, 'Fred, I don't believe you had your heart in it,' and Robinson and Jackson went

## DUDE BANDITS ROB MEAT MAN

Get \$850; Burglary, Two Holdups Reported.

Two well-dressed men held up George M. Webber at his meat market, 3332 Madison Ave., Saturday night, robbed him of \$850 and fled in an automobile, parked in front of the store.

Webber told Deputy Sheriffs Ragan and Shipp that he had just finished counting the money and was getting ready to close the store when the men entered.

Both men, who appeared to be about 22 years old, pulled guns on him, he said.

James Guy, 34, of 2158 N. Illinois St., driver of an Indianapolis Street Railway Company bus, was robbed of \$5 by two men in the 2100 block on E. Thirty-Fourth St.

Guy Coy, 1146 E. Pratt St., conductor on an Indiana Ave. street car, foiled a Negro bandit who attempted to hold him up when the car stopped at Fourteenth and West Sts. Saturday night. When he saw the gun, he slammed the door in his face, gave the motorman the "go" signal and the car started.

Burglars ransacked the home of Lewis C. Nicholson, 1427 Park Ave. Saturday night and stole \$300 worth of clothing and silverware. The burglars jimmied several windows, but failing to get in that way they broke the glass out of the front door.

**AUTOS END 3 LIVES**

General Increase Shown in National Figures.

Indianapolis had three deaths from auto accidents in the four-week period, ended Jan. 28, according to the Department of Commerce.

The number was an increase of two over the total for a corresponding period last year. Mortality from auto accidents the year ended Jan. 28 was 70, with 48 resulting from accidents in the city.

Records of the corresponding period last year showed 80 deaths, 72 being from accidents in the city.

The death rate from automobile accidents per 100,000 for fifty-two weeks was 18.8, a drop from the 21.9 the year before.

Auto accidents were responsible for 528 deaths in 76 large cities during four-week period, compared with 469 the year before, the U. S. Department of Commerce announced.

**White Deer Captured**

STONYPOINT, N. Y., Feb. 13.—A white deer walked into an elk corral at the Palisade Park and was captured. It was the first white deer seen among the 4,000 wild deer of the park system.

**RECEIVER FOR CITY IS ASKED IN SUIT**

Citing the last year's turmoil in city government, a suit was filed in Superior Court Four today on behalf of John E. Burns and Roy E. Murphy and "all other citizens and taxpayers," asking a receiver be named for the city of Indianapolis.

Attorneys Fae W. Patrick and Garrett W. Olds filed the suit.

It asks the receiver be given full charge of city affairs until the courts definitely determine who the mayor or a new mayor is regularly elected.

Attorneys filing the suit are active in the Young Men's Republican Reorganization League.

They pointed out that Memphis was in the hands of a receiver about twenty years ago, the suit being brought by creditors. Should creditors outside the State bring suit, it might be heard in Federal Court.

Murphy is sales manager of the Esteline-Angus Company and Burns is a traveling salesman, Olds said.

The suit declares that the tangle as to who is mayor has so muddled up city business that general business is suffering.

It cites that City Clerk William A. Boyce Jr. has refused to turn council ordinances and resolutions over to Mayor L. Ert Slack for his signature as mayor and that Boyce has or is threatening to recognize Ira Holmes as mayor.

Courthouse attaches treated the suit as a joke.

**THREE BADLY BURNED**

Mrs. Lillian Taylor, Negro, and Her Sons Victims of Gasoline Fire.

Mrs. Lillian Taylor, 55, Negro, 1129 Lafayette St., and her two sons, Edward Taylor, 36, and Arthur Taylor, 26, were burned severely early Sunday, when Arthur attempted to light a fire in the kitchen stove with gasoline.

The fire destroyed all the furniture and caused damage estimated at \$1,500. Mrs. Taylor was burned on the hands, while Arthur and Edward were burned on face, head, and hands. They were taken to city hospital.

**PAYS FOR NOISY ENTRY**

Man Kicks On Own Door, Arrested for Child Desertion.

Emmett Holland of 40 N. Gladstone Ave., faces charges of child neglect because he made too much noise when he came home Saturday night.

When police arrived to investigate a report of a burglar, they found Holland, remembered a warrant was out for him and arrested him. Holland told police his wife would not let him in and he kicked the door.

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## CITY TRIBUTE PAID LINCOLN; OFFICES CLOSE

Views Cited as Example for Present Officials in Law Enforcement.

One hundred and nineteen years ago Sunday, a Kentucky log cabin was filled with the wall of a new born babe, who with two others born in the same year were destined to leave their imperishable mark on the tablets of each of their chosen avocations.

One was Charles Darwin, scientist and naturalist, who set the world by the ears with his theories of natural selection. The second was Alfred, Lord Tennyson, England's poet laureate.

The babe whose wall pierced the Kentucky woods was Abraham Lincoln, whose advantages were none, yet whose accomplishments were many.

No trace of Lincoln's activities were left undescended by speakers in churches and auditoriums Sunday as the whole city gathered in the various meeting places to praise the memory of the Great Emancipator.

**Public Offices Closed**

The observance was carried over to today, with the majority of the offices in the Statehouse and the City Hall closed and many schools holding brief anniversary services.

Not a church in the city held its regular services Sunday without mention being given and praise sung for the "Great Emancipator."

The few remaining of the thousands who left the plow and the counter at the great President's call gathered with their wives and children in Ft. Hendley, G. A. R. headquarters, to celebrate the anniversary Sunday.

The meeting was sponsored by the Grand Army League. A luncheon was served at noon by the Daughters of Union Veterans, under direction of Mrs. Nellie McGinnis, president; and Mrs. Cora Virginia Clapp and Mrs. Flora Hayes, members of the committee in charge.

**Traces Life of Lincoln**

Tracing the life of Lincoln from his birth in the little log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky, in 1809, to his assassination in 1865, the Rev. George S. Henninger, pastor of the East Tenth Street M. E. Church, the principal speaker said: "Man-kind will never forget Abraham Lincoln, who has been added to the list of great men whose names have lived and are destined to live through the centuries."

"He had the faith of Abraham, the leadership of Moses, the courage of Leonidas, the contentment of Cincinnatus, the statesmanship of Pericles, the intellectual force of St. Paul, the political sagacity of Richelieu, the integrity of Cromwell, and the patriotism of George Washington."

More than 200 persons attended the G. A. R. meeting, with every class was described by Frank M. W. Jeffery, attorney, in an address at the Y. M. C. A. boys' meeting Sunday. Opening exercises were conducted by Richard Collier, and the devotions were led by Eugene Fros.

**Urges Support for Shrine**

A drive to obtain 350 new members for the boys' department was planned.

Abraham Lincoln's views on religion and law enforcement were quoted by Frederick E. Schortemeier Sunday at the North Park Christian Church.

"Every American swear not to violate the laws of the country," was Lincoln's statement on law enforcement, Schortemeier said. "In that sentence Lincoln summed up everything concerning law observance."

Schortemeier urged every one to support the move to erect a shrine at the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the war President's mother.

## Killers? 'FOX' TO TRIAL THIS WEEK IN SECOND DEATH

Predict Judge Will Deny New Hearing in Murder of Marion Parker.

BY DAN CAMPBELL United Press Staff Correspondent LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 13.—

convicted of the murder of Marion Parker, Walter Hickman, the "Fox," faces a second trial, which will bring him and Welby Hunt, a former pal, into court for the murder of Ivy Thoms, a druggist.

The motion for a new trial, which would set aside the verdict which found Hickman sane when he killed Marion Parker, was to be ruled on by Judge J. J. Trabucco Tuesday.

Hickman once more will appear before Judge Carlos S. Hardy, disqualified in the Parker case, when he goes to trial Wednesday with Welby Hunt for Thoms's slaying.

**Enters Not Guilty Plea**

It was thought that Judge Trabucco would deny the motion and pass sentence on Hickman.

Hickman, although confessing his part in the murder of Thoms, has entered a double plea of "not guilty" and "not guilty by reason of insanity." Hunt has pleaded not guilty.

Thoms was wounded fatally by either Hunt or Hickman when the pair shot their way to freedom after being cornered in a drug store hold-up here a year ago, the State charges.

Both youths have confessed participation in the robbery, but each asserts the other fired the shot which took the druggist's life.

**Plan to Appeal Case**

Jerome Walsh and Richard Cantillon, Hickman's attorneys, were preparing for denial of the motion for a new trial in the Parker case. The attorneys have announced they will carry their appeal to the United States Supreme Court if necessary, arguing that Judge Trabucco erred in his instructions to the jury and in rulings during the trial.

Expected denial of the motion for a new trial was based upon rulings made by Judge Trabucco during the trial which, attorneys conceded covered the alleged errors on which the defense bases its plea.

**TALK CITY HALL ROW**

South Side Boosters. Expected to Approve Slack Regime.

South Side Boosters are expected to consider a resolution deploring city political conditions tonight at Garefield Baptist Church basement, Southern Ave. and Shelby St. F. W. Waldo, coeditor is president.

A resolution similar to the one adopted recently by a south side action meeting which recognized Mayor L. Ert Slack as "legal and rightful mayor" and flayed Republican councilmen, probably will be adopted, according to Emil Schaad, 2546 Applegate St.

**Flier Killed as Parachute Falls**

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 13.—Ensign Mack Spencer, Philadelphia, of the U. S. S. California, fell 3,000 feet to his death here late Sunday when a newly devised parachute failed to open.

**THIEF TAKES ORANGES**

Garage, Two Homes Also Entered Over Week-End.

An "orange juice" burglar stole 75 pennies and 50 cents' worth of oranges from the home of W. G. Shannon, Negro, 637 E. Eleventh St. Sunday.

Police expected reports of safe robberies following the report of Neil Haynes, Negro, night watchman at the Peoples Coal and Cement Company, 1109 E. Tenth St., that the company garage had been entered and tools taken.

H. Thomas, 2032 Beecher St., reported groceries, silverware and a razor valued at \$29 taken from his home. J. R. Jiser, Southport, told police a radio and clothing, total value \$334, was taken from his home.

**Son of City Councilman Will Be Buried Tuesday**

Harold E. Bartholomew Dies After 42 Police, Firemen Offer Blood.

Arrangements for a military guard at the funeral of Harold Edward Bartholomew, 15, of 1238 S. Senate Ave., 2 p. m. Tuesday at the home were made today.