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## SEEK WOMAN AS COMPANION OF SLAIN THUG

Car Seen at Curb Moment  
Before Cafe Proprietor  
Shot Down Bandit.

**VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED**  
Stepfather Gives Name of  
Robber to Police and  
Tells History.

A woman may have accompanied Harry Rapp, 35, the bandit shot to death in a hold-up Thursday night and not identified until today, according to a theory being investigated by police. They learned that Rapp owned a Chevrolet sedan and the car has not been found.

Wallace Sims, 731 Terrace Ave., Butler University student, reported that he passed the scene of the shooting shortly before it occurred and saw a Chevrolet sedan, with the window glass in the rear broken, parked at the curb. A man and a woman were in the front seat.

Police believe that the woman may have been waiting for Rapp and fled with the car when the shots were fired.

Rapp was brought down with a shotgun by George O. McCammon, 42, after he had held up McCammon's restaurant, 1934 Prospect St. McCammon was booked on a technical charge of manslaughter, awaiting final report on the case from Coroner C. H. Keever.

### Body Is Identified

Jacob Wytenbach of 1306 N. Oxford St., was the first to identify the bandit's body at city morgue today. He said the man was his step-son and lived at 127 N. Noble St., but that was denied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of that address.

He had not lived with Wytenbach since the death of Mrs. Wytenbach, the dead bandit's mother, about a year ago.

Police learned that he was a World War veteran and twice married. His first wife, Inez, from whom he was divorced four years ago, lives at 340 Sheely St.

The other wife, according to Mrs. Johnson, who knew the Rapp family since they lived next door many years ago, is in Florence, Kan., where she was married to Rapp.

### Returned to Settle Estate

He had returned here from Denver and Kansas to settle and estate of his grandmother, Mrs. Syerday Rapp, Shelbyville, Ind., police learned.

Wytenbach, who is in the steam service department of the Indianapolis Power and Light Company, said that Rapp asked to borrow \$5 for him a few weeks ago. Later, Fred Hien, who runs a hotel at 14 S. New Jersey St., told Wytenbach that Rapp had been there with a big roll of bills.

It was this story and the description of the unidentified bandit that caused the stepfather to go to the morgue this morning, he said.

### Congratulate McCammon

Police congratulated McCammon when they were called to investigate the case Thursday night. The bandit is the third killed in two weeks, they said. One other remained unidentified for some time.

McCammon was standing at the cash register in his restaurant at the Prospect St. address when the bandit entered, at about 10:30 p. m. There were two customers, whom McCammon knew, in the place at the time. Asked what he wanted, the bandit said, "Only a drink of water."

He drank it and went out, but returned again near midnight. McCammon then was counting the day's receipts and preparing to retire. His wife was by his side. All bandits had gone. The bandit approached, drew a gun and demanded to be thrown into his hands.

He was but a foot or two from Mrs. McCammon, but she stepped back through rear door, where their 9-year-old son, James, was in bed asleep. His mother aroused him and put him into a corner to shield him from possible gun-fire.

### Ordered Into Back Room

The bandit ordered McCammon into the back room and said: "Don't you dare leave by the back door, either."

He then rifled the register, taking \$23 and a check. The money and check were in his pocket.

This done, he refused to leave, but started for the back room, gun in hand. McCammon heard him coming. He reached for an automatic shotgun. The bandit opened the door and McCammon fired first.

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## Killed Bandit to Defend Wife, Child



## GALLOWS STAY FOR GANG CZAR

Birger, Doomed to Noose, Faces Sanity Test.

By United Press

BENTON, Ill., April 13.—Charlie Birger, southern Illinois gang lord, has escaped, for four days at least, the gallows, on which he was to have been hanged this morning.

The Franklin County Circuit Court last night granted a four-day stay of execution to permit a hearing on Birger's sanity.

Birger's attorneys said if the court found Birger sane, there still would remain a chance of appeal from the decision.

Final preparations had been made by Sheriff Ben Pritchard for Birger's execution, which was to have been the last hanging in Illinois. A recent law provides electrocution as the death penalty.

The condemned gangster witnessed the final preparations of the gallows from the window of his death cell.

"I wish I had a gallon of 'soup' (nitro-glycerin), to take you all to hell with me," he shouted at the workmen.

**MRS. COOLIDGE BACK**

Returns to White House; No Hope for Mother.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Mrs. Coolidge returned today from Northampton, Mass., where for three weeks she was at the bedside of her aged mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, critically ill from pneumonia complications.

Mrs. Coolidge's return does not indicate improvement in her mother's condition. It was said at the White House. While Mrs. Goodhue was benefited noticeably by her daughter's presence, her condition still is extremely grave, and hope of her recovery has been abandoned.

**RIDES ICE TO DEATH**

Unidentified Man Waves as He Goes Over Niagara Falls.

By United Press

NIAGARA FALLS, April 13.—Waving his hat in farewell to the crew of a trolley car on the Canadian side of the Niagara River today an unidentified man rode to his death over the Horseshoe Falls on a cake of ice. The men who witnessed the suicide, T. Moyer and A. Manette, of Niagara Falls, Ont., said the man wore a dark gray suit.

They said they could see him being carried rapidly toward his death and just as he reached the brink of the falls, he waved his hat in carelessness. Both responded by waving their hands to him as he went to his death.

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Mr. and Mrs. George O. McCammon and their lunch room at 1943 Prospect St., where McCammon killed a bandit who had robbed the cash register and was advancing with drawn gun into the McCammon living quarters in the rear, Thursday night. Mrs. McCammon and their son James, 9, were huddled in a corner of the living room to avoid flying bullets. McCammon wept over the shooting, declaring he took the bandit's life only because he thought the invader meant to harm his loved ones.

## FARM AID BILL IS PUT UP TO HOUSE

### Peek-a-Boo!

By Times Special

LIBERTY, Ind., April 13.—Mrs. Martha Jones peeked through a hole in a door made by a 22-caliber bullet her husband, William E. Jones, fired at his first wife and saw him kissing another woman, was part of the evidence offered in their divorce suit here. Special Judge Ketchum's withholding decision in the case. Jones has been married three times.

### DRUGSTORE HELD UP

Two Bandits Force Clerk to Open Safe.

By United Press

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13.—The two bandits obtained an undetermined amount of loot in a hold-up at the C. M. Josse drug store, 2202 Madison Ave., this morning.

T. W. Hollenbeck, Spencer Hotel, clerk, was alone in the store when the two bandits, about 30, covered him with revolvers.

They took 50 cents from the cash register and \$14 from Hollenbeck and forced him to the back room, where they took the cash drawer from the open safe. One of the bandits held the clerk there while the other drove their automobile up to the door of the store.

Josse could not be reached to learn the amount taken from his safe.

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After the Sinclair case adjourned,

Justice Bailey dismissed the bribery charge against E. L. Doheny, Jr.

This will enable him to testify Monday if the judge decides his testimony is admissible.

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So they journeyed down to a porpoise fishery at Cape Hatteras,

## WIZARD EVANS IS TARGET AT KLUXER TRIAL

Head of Klan Is Surprise Witness at Hearing in Pittsburgh.

### DENIES ALL CHARGES

Admits He Was at Carnegie During Riot and Might Have Stopped It.

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 13.—Hiram W. Evans, imperial wizard of the Ku-Klux Klan, faced a grueling cross-examination in Federal Court today in the suit of the Klan against five "rebel" members.

The cross-questioning was done by Van A. Barrickman, of the defendants and counsel in the trial in which the Klan is seeking damages and a restraining injunction.

Evans was called by B. H. Connaughton, Klan counsel, as a surprise witness of the day, when the Klan resumed its rebuttal testimony.

### Enters Blanket Denial

Connaughton endeavored to use Evans as a direct rebuttal witness against all the derogatory testimony which the defendants had used against the Klan.

The imperial wizard entered a blanket denial to every charge of unlawfulness, including murder, floggings, burnings at the stake, beatings and rioting.

Barrickman fought hard with the witness under cross-examination.

The pointed feature of the Evans' testimony was his answer to Barrickman's question: "Dr. Evans, you were at Carnegie, Pa., Aug. 25, 1923, and could have stopped the parade that resulted in murder, riot and bloodshed?"

"Oh, I suppose I could have," Evans replied.

### Denies Tar Parties

The imperial wizard denied that men were ever burned, flogged or tarred and feathered by the Klan. He further stated the organization would not tolerate such action.

Evans continued his denial of every statement previously made by defense witnesses that a band of riders existed within the Klan. He refused the statements that an organization of that nature took part in any official acts of the Klan.

"Were you at Buckeye Lake, Ohio, when the Klan held a meeting there?"

"I was," replied Evans.

"Did you not shake hands with the leader of this gang of murdering night riders as he approached you on the speakers' platform?"

"I did," was Evans' answer.

Then he continued: "They offered me their services, but I refused to have anything to do with them."

Then Barrickman began his cross-examination in earnest.

"Are you not the head of a military organization of which you are the commander in chief?"

"No, I am not, but I am the head of a patriotic organization that is military in nature," came from Evans.

Evans' memory did not serve him well on several points brought before him by Barrickman, to which Barrickman remarked: "You have a rather convenient memory, Dr. Evans."

### Scoffs at Charge

If Evans ever made a speech where he stated that if the Klan did not take things