

FORGE EVIDENCE CHAIN AT 'HOT' CAR RING TRIAL

Government Attempts to Link Traugott, Sussmans; 12 Testify.

Step by step, the government Tuesday afternoon attempted to build a solid wall of evidence connecting Edward Traugott, his partner, Harry Sussman, and the latter's cousin, Elmer Sussman, with the interstate motor theft ring responsible for theft and sale of more than twenty expensive automobiles in five midwestern states.

Twelve witnesses gave testimony to form the basis of the government's case against the three Indianapolis men.

Talk of Recovering Car

The barrage, started by A. D. Collins, Packard automobile factory executive, Detroit, who read factory records of three stolen Packard cars, including one stolen from Mrs. Elizabeth Parrish, Cleveland, who testified also.

Robert James, state licensing bureau title division head, testified a certificate of title and license plates for the car were obtained on an Ohio bill of sale.

Charles Bridges, state police lieutenant in charge of the state's investigation, told of recovering the coupe from Max Goldberg, 567 Highland drive, July 25, and finding all numbers except the body number changed.

Goldberg said Bridges confiscated the car five minutes after Elmer Sussman delivered it to him. He identified his check for \$950 which he said he gave Sussman in payment for the car.

Sold for \$1,200

Continuing to trace the car, Clayton McGregor, Terre Haute, was called to the stand and testified he came to Indianapolis in December, 1927, to buy a car at the "Walter Russell" in the Claypool lobby.

Learning of his mission, Russell, he said, offered to sell him a Packard coupe for \$1,200. McGregor said he paid \$300 down, and drove the car to Terre Haute that night after having his brother, Wyle McGregor, former local insurance agent, obtain certificate of title for the car.

Next day, he said, he decided not to buy the car and brought it back to Indianapolis, telephoning the brother to return it to Russell at the Edward Traugott & Co. store and get the \$300.

Talked With Libowitz

Wyle McGregor testified he went to the Traugott store and couldn't find Russell. He said he told Traugott he was returning the car because his brother believed it was "hot."

After returning several times, he met Harry Sussman, he said, who gave him \$300 and took possession of the car and title.

Several months later, he testified, Traugott telephoned him and asked for a duplicate title, saying the first was lost. Going to the Traugott store, McGregor said, he met Elmer Sussman, who went with him to the statehouse, where he procured a duplicate certificate of title.

McGregor testified that several months later, while in the Traugott store, he was asked by Harold Libowitz, who died as a result of burns sustained in the Traugott store blast of Aug. 26, to notarize the certificate of sale by Charles Medcalf, a defendant in the conspiracy indictment, of a Cadillac coupe. Medcalf wasn't there, but I knew Libowitz, so I did it, McGregor declared.

Sussman Has Car

Possession of a stolen La Salle coupe by Harry Sussman was disclosed in evidence by Bridges, who was called to the stand for the third time.

R. A. Schwartz of Cleveland, testified that a La Salle coupe was stolen from him Jan. 12, 1928. In August the car was brought back for identification, by three men, one of whom he knew to be a government agent, and the other an insurance agent.

He did not recognize the third man, and when George Barnard, attorney for the Sussmans asked if it was Harry Sussman, he was unable to declare so, although Sussman rose to his feet to be recognized.

Bridges declared that Sussman called him up and told him that he was in possession of a La Salle coupe believed to be stolen. Bridges checked the car July 27, 1928 and later traced it to Schwartz.

The title for the car, while in Sussman's possession, was made out in the name of Robert Palmer, who gave his address as the Marott hotel.

Keys Found in Car

Sussman repurchased the car from the insurance company after turning it over to Bridges, the latter declared.

F. E. Dunmeyer, clerk at the Marott hotel, declared that no Ralph Palmer had been registered at the Marott hotel during the period in which the car was sold to Harry Sussman.

Leo Baldwin was arrested in Adrian, Mich., under the alias of L. A. Bell while in possession of a Buick coupe containing a "load of liquor." He was accompanied by a Miss Gladys Moore. In the Buick, which was found to be stolen, was a bundle of 169 Buick keys, Arch Wilson, sheriff at Adrian, testified. Baldwin and the girl escaped after giving \$2,000 bond. C. R. Yarkin, former deputy, said.

Fate Lifts Salesman to Riches, Hurls Him to Death in Jail Cell

BY MARBEN GRAHAM  
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DETROIT, Nov. 14.—Fate has played the last of several ironical jests on Donald C. Prentiss.

Prentiss was beaten to death Monday night in a Cleveland jail by a cellmate.

No more promising young man ever came to Detroit and entered the motor field than Prentiss. He brought with him here a few years ago supreme confidence;

ambition, fired by a beautiful wife; a national reputation as author of several salesmanship books, and several years' experience as a teacher of philosophy at the University of California.

He went to work as assistant to the sales manager of the Packard Motor Company. His spare time he spent at home with his wife, Madeline, studying the new field.

General Motors gave him a contract at \$25,000 a year, pronounced him one of its best prospects and sent him to Lansing to manage sales promotion for Oldsmobile.

PROSPERITY, quietness after hum, hours to burn, country club dances, cocktail parties, waning of the love for his wife and their two children followed.

Drink and more drink brought warnings from his executives. January brought discharge, but with a \$12,000 bonus.

Even then, less than a year ago, he was prosperous. Still certain of his prowess, Prentiss moved to Detroit, took a ten-room apartment and tried his luck on the stock market.

He sold stock short and, his friends said, lost his fortune within a month. He told his wife he hated her. She went back to her home in California for a change. She came back last March and found he had disappeared with the two children and a 15-year-old nursemaid.

Mrs. Prentiss found them in a cottage on Lake Ontario. He denied any wrong, the maid was discharged, and Mrs. Prentiss remained at the cottage while he went back to work.

HE sent no money home. Mrs. Prentiss returned to Detroit and found her husband with the nursemaid again.

Penniless, she was forced to apply for aid. Authorities investigated. She was found insane and was on the verge of being sent to an asylum, when a friend intervened. A rehearing was obtained and she was found sane.

Prentiss recently was arrested in Cleveland, when he and the maid sought mail at the postoffice.

He pleaded guilty to violating the Mann act and was serving his sentence when killed by his cellmate, John T. Nevins, who wanted "to burn rather than go back to Atlanta."

COMPROMISE ON WATER METERS FIGHT EXPECTED

Maximum Charge or Free Installation Suggested as Solution.

Free meter installation by the Indianapolis Water Company, as suggested by Commissioner Calvin McIntosh of the public service commission, may result in a compromise whereby the company may set a maximum charge of \$3.75 for meter servicing.

This would mean that a plumber must meet this estimate, or the company would do the work.

The proposed compromise came as the result of a conference of Howard S. Morse, water company manager, with McIntosh at the statehouse Tuesday.

Refused to Install Meter

Further discussions are to be held before any definite plan is put into effect, the commissioner said. He will go to Morse's office this week to inspect some charts compiled by the company regarding meter installation.

The suggestion for free installation by the company to the some 25,000 unmetered clients was made by McIntosh when he held an informal hearing on a controversy between a citizen whose water had been shut off and company officials. The shut-off was the result of refusal to install a meter.

Free Service Protested

Figures were presented at that time showing plumber charges for meter service had been as high as \$15.

Tuesday Morse presented a survey of twelve plumber's charges, showing the highest to be \$5.50 and lowest \$3 for the service. The average was \$4.46.

McIntosh asked if the company still would be willing to stand by a suggested price of \$3.75 and this is to be a matter of further discussion.

Free service was objected to on the grounds that thousands already have paid. McIntosh is of the opinion that the cost to the company would be repaid in increased good will.

DECRIES 'BRAG PRAYER'

Pastor Urges More Spiritual Contact in Churches.

Too many boastful prayers instead of spiritual contact with Jesus Christ comprise church ceremonies today, the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, pastor of University Christian church, declared in an evangelistic sermon Tuesday night.

"Why is God concerned about me and my soul?" queried the speaker. "The answer is, God is love. This is the motive of Christianity and the gospel."

At the service tonight Floyd Jones, tenor, will sing "The Christ of the Cross." Evangelistic services will continue through the week.

DROP BUS REQUEST

Railroad Abandons Petition After Service Is Assured.

Petition for a bus line to be operated by the Indianapolis & Southern railroad, between Greensburg and Madison, was dropped by officials at a public service commission hearing today.

The officials declared they had no desire to operate the line, since assurance was given them that William Brown, bus operator between Madison and Versailles, will extend his line to Greensburg.

Mill Girl Attains Opera Fame, Dream of Years

BY MARIAN HALE,  
NEA Service Writer  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Two characters really participated in Clara Jacob's debut as a Metropolitan opera star.

One was the dramatic soprano the audience heard and applauded as "Leonora" in *Il Trovatore*. The other was a plucky little mill worker whose dreams had come true.

Miss Jacob was the story of a gifted and ambitious little factory girl at Lawrence, Mass., before she was a professional singer.

She was born in Lawrence the seventh of eight children of an Italian grocer. When they had Italian celebrations, Clara sang solos. She sang in church, too. She sang whenever and wherever asked.

"I was crazy for singing," the grown Clara recalled. "I didn't want to know anything else. When I was 12 some neighbors took me to Boston and I heard Tetrazzini sing. I made myself a promise as I sat in that gallery seat that I'd be an opera singer myself."

Five years of intensive study in Naples proved Clara's talent. A Metropolitan contract was her ultimate reward.

While she was studying in Italy, her mother, whose encouragement had meant everything, died.

Clara Jacob, once a factory girl, now is a Metropolitan opera star.



Marmon Voices Appeal to Aid Community Fund

Speaking to Community Fund workers at today's luncheon Walter C. Marmon, campaign chairman, sounded a warning against an overconfident attitude on the part of the public, and declared that far more serious consideration should be given to the Community Fund "as an accurate measure of civic vision."

"It is rather difficult sometimes," said Marmon, "to account for the lack of imagination which characterizes many otherwise admirable people. This lack accounts for anything less than intense concern for full success of the present Community Fund campaign."

Marmon emphasized the necessity for every man and woman able to share with less fortunate neighbors joining the Community Fund. Responsibility, he said, rests alike upon all citizens, and no one should be content until he has done his full share toward maintaining the city's thirty-seven social service agencies supported by the fund.

"In many cases, those persons inclined to adopt a nonchalant attitude toward success of the fund appeal are the first ones to be highly outraged if a single child dies of hunger or neglect."

"Protecting helpless children is one of the vast works of mercy supported through the community fund. But charitable and relief agencies can not protect children if the fund does not furnish them the necessary money. And the community fund can not furnish this money unless each citizen contributes his share."

"For my own part I shall not rest content until at least one of five Indianapolis citizens is touched with the community fund spirit. In this undertaking I know I have the hearty support of every member of the fund army. We seek, with all our strength, at least 70,000 men and women who will join the community fund."

MINE PAY SCALE SET

By United Press  
BRASIL, Ind., Nov. 14.—A new wage agreement has been reached by the United Mine Workers of America, District 8 and the Brazil Block Coal Operators' Association.

The agreement provides a higher wage for picking mine than district No. 11 because of lower coal. The No. 8 miners will receive \$1.60 a ton for screen block coal; \$1.28 for mine run and \$1.65 a ton for low coal of two feet ten inches. Inside day labor will receive \$6.10 per day and most outside day labor \$5.66.

The agreement affects about 1,260 miners.

AL CALLS ON PARTY TO SEEK 1932 VICTORY

'Carry On,' Is Message of Smith to Democrats in Radio Speech.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Just before stepping from the political arena in which he has played so conspicuous a part, Governor Alfred E. Smith delivered a "message to the American people" Tuesday night, calling upon the Democratic party to "carry on."

The address was broadcast over a nation-wide radio hookup.

He urged the party to look forward and plan a constructive program of accomplishment which would constitute a firm foundation for the 1932 presidential campaign.

Complete co-operation with President-elect Hoover would be the duty of every member of the Democratic party, he said, pointing out that way would be the way of all good citizens.

Hoover now is the leader of the nation, not just of the Republican party, and he is entitled to fair chance to plan and carry out a national program, Smith said.

His own defeat, he said, in no way indicates that the Democratic party lays crushed and broken. On the contrary it is alive and vigorous and now stands in a position to more successfully than ever solicit the confidence and support of the American people, Governor Smith said.

Forget Party Bitterness

Smith declared that he was as intensely interested as ever in the principles of the Democratic party and that he not only would stand for them but "battle for them."

He previously had announced, however, that he would never again be a candidate for public office.

Touching upon the bitterness around in the campaign, he urged that it all should be swept aside and forgotten and the people set their faces with common enthusiasm to the nation's welfare.

Smith stressed the demand for an active minority in the country under the American political system as it stands.

"The Democratic party certainly would not be in a position four years from now to solicit the confidence and support of the American people if during that period it neglected to build up a constructive program and relied entirely upon the failure of the opposition party," he said.

Need Minority Party

"The existence of such a party is necessary under our system of government. The people rule negatively as well as affirmatively, and a vigorous and intelligent minority is a necessary check upon the tyranny of the majority."

Obstruction practiced as purely political in its significance and aim was condemned by Smith, who also expressed his gratitude to the millions who marked the ballots opposite his name, and he pledged his listeners his "unceasing interest and concern with public affairs and the well-being of the American people."

Accompanied by friends, Governor Smith planned to leave at 10 a. m. today for a two weeks' vacation at the Edgewater Gulf hotel, near Biloxi, Miss.

Caged!

By United Press  
OSSINING, N. Y., Nov. 14.—Sing Sing prison has so many tamed birds that George Starin Cowles, imprisoned architect, is supervising the construction of a circular bird house of stucco and wood to care for a hundred pets looked after by Charles E. Chapin, former New York editor.

The birds belong to the institution, and there are many good singers and some handsome ones among them. There are several parrots. Provision will be made to accommodate a thousand birds.

The bird house is nearly forty feet in diameter. Cowles was an architect in Yonkers, N. Y., until he was convicted of forgery in connection with the will of his uncle.

ALLISON RITES ON THURSDAY

Victim of Heart Disease; Here Half Century.

William D. Allison, 74, business and civic leader, who died Tuesday, will be buried Thursday afternoon in Crown Hill cemetery, following services at the home, 3529 Central avenue, at 2:30.

Mr. Allison suffered a heart attack Tuesday morning soon after he arose, dying a few minutes later.

A resident of Indianapolis for more than fifty years, Mr. Allison was president of the W. D. Allison Company, manufacturers of physicians' supplies. He served in various capacities, as a school commissioner, a director of the Continental National bank and as a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

From 1920 to 1924 he was a member of the school board. He was a prominent Mason and an active member of Memorial Presbyterian church. Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Margaret Allison; four daughters, Mrs. Eli Lilly, Mrs. Lila Alice Humes and Mrs. Frank Preston of Indianapolis, and Miss Aline Allison of Cleveland, O.; a son, Charles W. Allison of Los Angeles; three sisters, Mrs. George Balch and Mrs. Benjamin Miner of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Charles Klough of Illinois; three brothers, Thomas, Henry and Duff Allison, all of Illinois, and five grandchildren.

PLAN CHURCH DINNER

Special Program to Be Given by Northwood Christian Church

A special program representing various stages of life and the contribution of worship to the home has been prepared for the fellowship dinner service at Northwood Christian church Thursday at 6:30 p. m.

Shirley talks by Miss Doris Bicknell, Miss Virginia Lee, Mrs. John Finestine and Mrs. S. D. Ransstead followed by a musical program by the Northwood male quartet, will comprise the program. Jesse White is chairman of the services. The dinner will be served by the women of the church.

Three Killed in Explosion

SOFIA, Nov. 14.—Three persons were killed today in an explosion at Gabrovo, Bulgaria, dispatches received here said.

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GULF COAST

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LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD

DAWES FRIEND TO DERELICT IN LIFE AND DEATH

'Bowery Bum,' Boyhood Pal, Given Check Each Month, Funeral Bill Paid.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—It wasn't so many years ago that two small boys played together in Marietta, O., shared their playthings and vied in games of skill.

One of them broke all his family ties, followed the uncertain trail of a derelict, and died last Saturday in a cheap hotel room. He was listed as a Bowery bum. His name was Bradt Hulbert.

The other boy followed the high road to fame and fortune and became Vice-President of the United States. His name is Charles Dawes.

Today the body of the Bowery bum will be buried and the funeral bills will be forwarded to the Vice-President for payment—forwarded at Dawes' own request.

Always Neat in Garb

For many years Hulbert had been a familiar figure in the dives and cheap speakeries of New York's lower east side. He had attracted attention by the neatness of his clothes, which he maintained always despite the fact he habitually was "broke."

It was about ten years ago that Hulbert, once a promising engineer, came to the Bowery to be swallowed up and lost from his family. He was changed from a neat dresser to a derelict in the winter he worked in construction camps. The warm weather often found him doing odd jobs as a waiter at Coney Island.

Two years ago he fell ill. Friends urged him to write home. He refused, but one day he wrote to his boyhood friend, the Vice-President. Thereafter, once a month, a check for \$25 came, bearing Dawes' signature. He cashed them in speakeries.

Dawes Visits Morgue

Stricken Friday, his body was in the morgue Saturday. A friend heard that Dawes was in town, guest of Owen D. Young and General Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Dawes left a brilliant gathering held in his honor and came to view the features of Bradt Hulbert at the Bellevue morgue.

He ordered the body brought to a funeral parlor and asked that the bill be sent him in Washington.

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE

Kansas Physician Sentenced; Attorneys to Appeal Case.

OLATHE, Kan., Nov. 14.—Dr. O. S. Netherton was sentenced to life imprisonment here Tuesday for the murder of his wife Feb. 24, on his farm near here. A stay of sentence was given until Monday to permit defense lawyers time to make a \$40,000 appeal bond to the state supreme court. Netherton has been free on a \$20,000 bond.

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