

TRIALS IN AUTO THEFT CASES SET ON MAY 9

Ex-Klan Officials Plead Not Guilty; Nearly 100 Sentenced.

Trial of defendants facing new conspiracy charges in the interstate motor theft ring case, four of whom entered pleas in federal court Wednesday, will be held May 9.

The Huffington, former Indiana Klan head; Sheldon Beardsley, former Evansville Klan secretary; and Louis A. Wilkerson, Vincennes, pleaded not guilty Wednesday. Thomas King, Indianapolis, pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later.

More than 100 persons entered pleas of guilty at the arraignment, the day after they were sentenced during the day. About sixty pleaded not guilty.

Cashier Gets Three Years

Lloyd T. Nelson, former cashier of First National Bank, Milroy, Ind., pleaded guilty to embezzling \$20,000 and was sentenced to three years at Leavenworth penitentiary. He was released until April 1 because of illness of his wife.

Trial of Indianapolis division defendants pleading not guilty will be held May 7. Trials in other divisions will be: Terre Haute, April 1, and New Albany, April 15.

Pleas of not guilty were entered by six defendants charged in connection with the Pettit Dry Goods Company robbery, in which postal funds were taken. One of the six, Thomas Hindman, Negro, 1910 Miller street, pleaded guilty to conspiracy, but denied active participation in the robbery.

Smile News Year in Jail

A furtive smile and a rudge in the ribs of his companion Loren McClung, cost Claud S. Hoal, Charleston, W. Va., a year in prison.

Hoal and McClung had been sentenced to a year and a day in prison and were walking away from the bench when Judge Robert C. Baltzell noticed Hoal's smile and recalled the pair, adding a year to Hoal's term.

Other motor theft sentences included: Grady Sims, Muncie, year and a day; John King, Muncie, two years; Edward Fell, Toronto, Canada, two years; Oscar Lay, Sunman, two years; William Eggers, Martinsville, ninety days; Myron A. Bunting, Richmond, two years; Jay Taylor, Richmond, sixty days; and Fred Taylor, Richmond, two years.

29 Liquor Cases

Indianapolis liquor jail sentences and fines included: William Lucid, 926 Prospect street, ninety days; Oscar Boyd, Negro, 929 Davidson street, thirty days; Mrs. Lulu Belle Wilson, Negro, 115 West North street, sixty days; Mrs. Minnie Simmons, Negro, 1851 Boulevard place, forty-five days; Frank Sterger, 945 Haugh street, six months; Ed Marshall, 135 North Liberty street, four months; Jim H. Netherton, 1717 Kentucky avenue, sixty days, \$200; Mrs. Grace Sims, 520 North Merid-

Beauty, Brains



Beauty and brains combine in Ruth Niven, of Memphis, a high honor student of the University of Arkansas. Miss Niven is attending the university on a \$300 scholarship won in Memphis last year for the highest scholastic record. And now comes word that she is again a high honor student of her class. And she doesn't bob her hair either!

ian street, \$150; Kenneth Burris, 512 North Meridian street, ninety days; Mrs. Kenneth Burris, \$50.

Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Negro, 325 West New York street, thirty days; Fred Butler, Negro, same address, fifteen days; Ray Poole and Ford Taylor, 2731 North Capitol avenue, ninety days each; Denzil Stalker, 1116 North Capitol avenue, six months; Will Hamlin, same address, one day; Mrs. Nora Green, 830 East Daley street, \$100; Thomas Burns, 3739 Prospect street, fifteen days; Elmer Duggan, 3200 Madison avenue, ninety days.

Denny Cox and Lando King, 846 South Capitol avenue, sixty days; Leonard Roberts, 921 East Roache street, thirty days; Carl Wetzel, 3230 East Twenty-fifth street, sixty days; William Powell, 2248 Daisy street, ninety days; Charles Ball, 226 West Wyoming street, sixty days; John Irely, 4410 East Twenty-first street, sixty days, \$100; Mrs. Mary Estrate, 723 Temperance avenue, thirty days, \$100; Clyde Zimmer, 210 North Seventh street, Bech Grove, sixty days.

Other sentences included: James Jordan, 1116 North Capitol avenue, fifteen months, liquor; Mrs. Lemon B. Oats, Negro, Indianapolis, ninety days, narcotic violation; Joseph Taylor, 19, Oakland City, year and a day, robbing Bucksbin (Ind.) post-office; Fred A. Hartman, Danville, three years, breaking into Indianapolis mail boxes; Cecil W. Goff, Frankfort postal clerk, four months, embezzling postal funds and stamps; Anthony Daggs, Terre Haute, fifteen months, white slave violation; Robert Reeves, Vincennes, ninety days, narcotics.

Frank Harris III in France—NICE, March 7.—Frank Harris, American author, is seriously ill of gripe here. He has been ill for the last ten days, showing some improvement this morning.

SCORE POLICE COURT LAWYERS AND BONDSMEN

Bar Approves Action to F remedy Conditions in Local Justice.

Majority of the sections in the Indianapolis Bar Association's investigating committee report on municipal courts was passed at the monthly bar meeting Wednesday night at the Columbia Club.

The meeting was tranquil, with the exception of outbursts that were directed at the activities of professional bondsmen and certain attorneys at police headquarters. The special committee reported its findings to the association three months ago but action was deferred.

Bond Schedule Urged

The recommendations of the report as approved: Lessen the number of arrests by not filing unnecessary charges; reputable citizens arrested on minor charges shall be directed to appear in court without being brought to jail from their homes at night; judges should fix a schedule of bonds, to be increased in exceptional cases, and that such bonds shall be set by judges and not by police headquarters; installation of a free phone in the city jail for prisoners; permit prisoners to select their own bondsmen and attorneys; allow judges to select their own bailiffs, and that the inadequacy of facilities in the jail and municipal courts be given consideration by association members.

Association members said they favored the bond schedule in order to prevent professional bondsmen from obtaining exorbitant fees.

Scores Police Lawyers

Another adopted section of the report gave the association's judiciary committee power to recommend candidates for appointment to the municipal benches to the Governor.

Among the provisions killed were: That a deputy prosecutor be retained at night at police headquarters; rotation of judges in the civil and criminal courts; rotation of turnkeys; that judges should not be active in politics, and that a special committee be appointed to advise the judges.

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Fearless Lady!

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 7.—The new First Lady of the land will be unaccompanied by secret service escorts when she leaves the White House on walks or on shopping tours.

Mrs. Hoover has requested that no secret service men be regularly assigned to her as in the case of Mrs. Coolidge.

It was explained at the White House today that there is no requirement that the President's wife have secret service escorts.

Mrs. Harding was the first President's wife to have a secret service escort, the assignment being made at her request. Mrs. Coolidge continued this procedure.

Water Works Shows Profit
By Times Special
LA PORTE, Ind., March 7.—The city-owned water works here showed a profit of \$30,831.36 for 1928, according to the report of Charles C. Foutz, superintendent. A clarification system being installed at the plant is expected to be ready for use June 1.

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FRENCH HEROES TO VISIT CITY

Legion to Entertain Good-Will Delegation.

Good-will of France will be purveyed upon the arrival in this city March 14 of thirty-eight French war heroes who left France March 2, on the S. S. George Washington.

The party, according to an announcement today by James F. Barton, national adjutant of the American Legion, will arrive in New York, March 10. The French veterans will visit Culver Military Academy, Lafayette, Ind., during their stay in the state.

The delegation is headed by Admiral Guepratte, president of the Association Amicale Des Croix de Guerre and former commander of

the French fleet in the Dardanelles during the World war.

A committee of legionnaires and business men of Indianapolis are laying plans for the reception of the heroes upon their arrival here. A banquet has been planned at the Indianapolis Athletic Club in their honor. A military or police escort will meet the train carrying the heroes when it arrives here at 11:30 a. m., March 14.

In Lafayette a luncheon and banquet will be given March 15.

The tour of the war heroes has the unofficial approval of the French government.

Motorcyclist Fatally Hurt
By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., March 7.—Clyde Lloyd, 20, Louisville, Ky., died in the Bartholomew county hospital here from injuries he received in a motorcycle-automobile crash on United States road No. 31, near Taylorville Sunday night. His motorcycle crashed head-on into an auto driven by William Dixon, Negro, Franklin.

ASK DICTATOR FOR GERMANY

Politicians Favor Move to End Cabinet Crisis.

By United Press
BERLIN, March 7.—Proposals for a constitutional dictatorship in Germany as a solution to the present awkward predicament into which Chancellor Hermann Mueller's cabinet has fallen, were finding considerable support among politicians today.

The cabinet crisis—arising from failure of the government to form a "big coalition" which would include five parties—has not diminished in the least and is causing great concern in political sources. The public and press appeared less agitated.

Politicians point out that a dictatorship is provided in Article 48 of the German constitution, but they emphasize that such a dictatorship would in no wise compare with those of Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, Premier Primo De Rivera of Spain or King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

Article 48 provides legislative and executive power may be delegated to the president of the reich—President Paul Von Hindenburg—who may entrust it to another person or persons. The Reichstag, however, would have to give its consent to awarding dictatorial powers.

WOMAN SUES RAILROAD
Asks \$50,000 for Injuries Received When Auto Hit Car.

Suit for \$50,000 damages was filed against the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railroad, in superior court five by Miss Mildred Doan, Wednesday. The complaint alleged she was injured permanently when the auto in which she was riding crashed into a coal car that negligently had been permitted to stand on a crossing at Bainbridge without warning lights.

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