

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.

Joe Huffington, former Indiana Klan head; Sheldon Beanblossom, 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, most of them being 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 embezzeling \$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.

Plaints of not guilty were entered by six defendants charged in connection with the Pettis 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 Nets Year in Jail

A furtive smile and a ruse in the ribs of his companion, Loren McClung, cost Claud S. Hoal, Charlestown, 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, 226 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 Slimmons, Negro, 1851 Boulevard place, forty-five days; Frank Stenger, 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, \$20 North Merid-

Beauty, Brains



SCORE POLICE COURT LAWYERS AND BOND MEN

Bar Approves Action to 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 police; 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.

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, Oaklawn City, year and a day, robbing Buckskin (Ind.) post office; Fred A. Hartman, Duryville, three years, breaking into Indianapolis mail boxes; Cecil W. Goff, Frankfort postal clerk, four months, embezzeling 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 grippe here. He has been ill for the last ten days, showing some improvement this morning.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

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 \$30,931.36 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 United Press

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 Taylorsville Sunday night. His motorcycle crashed head-on into an auto driven by William Dixon, Negro, of Franklin.

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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 die-

tatorship is provided in Article 48 of the German constitution, and 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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