

ILLINOIS IN GRIP OF GANG RULE, SENATE IS TOLD

Racketeers Virtually Running State, Wickersham Prober Says.

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WASHINGTON, March 4.—Names, figures and cases to support the belief of high officials here that local government has broken down completely in some centers were made public today when the Wickersham commission sent to the senate reports of its investigations of crime, bootlegging and racketeering in Chicago, the happy hunting ground of the gangster.

Downstate Illinois cities also were revealed as the clutches of similar conditions. This report, prepared by Guy L. Nichols, treasury department investigator, stated breakdown of the law has permitted bootlegging and racketeering of unbelievable proportions, with profits reaching into millions, all carried on under protection of officers of the law.

Deportation Is Suggested
The report described the "Unione Siciliano" as "a menace" whose officials are linked with liquor and other rackets. The federal government was urged in the report to "concentrate on activities of heads of this society throughout the United States and keep them under surveillance." Deportation was suggested.

The report described conditions found several months ago in Rockford thus: "It is said at least two bootleggers carry deputy sheriff's stars. Larger bootleggers frequently are ushered into the sheriff's private office and apparently receive a good deal of attention." High federal officials are known to be concerned over conditions. President Hoover himself several months ago called upon state and local authorities to deal with what he termed this "hideous gangster and corrupt control of some local governments."

Chicago Aspect Menacing
The Wickersham investigator's report described crime, bootlegging and racketeering in Chicago as menacing. "The city has not been able to cope with the above mentioned menaces and they now are larger, if truth were known, than the city itself, apparently having increased steadily since enactment of the prohibition law," the report continued.

Concerning downstate centers investigated some months ago, Nichols reported: East St. Louis—"Almost any number of gambling joints running. Prostitution prevalent with much open solicitation. No open saloons but much bootlegging." Springfield—"Mayor makes little effort to enforce the prohibition law." State's attorney "lax in prosecution of liquor cases."

Benid One of Worst
Peoria—"Has the old saloon-day type of mayor, and he still has the liquor element around him." Benid, Macoupin County—"One of worst spots in Illinois. State's attorney totally inefficient and sheriff even worse. City officials also inefficient."

Bloomington—"Police very inactive. Quincy—"Police very inactive. State's attorney lax in liquor enforcement. Joliet—"City administration weak. State's attorney lax. Need of local co-operation in New

Prosecutor Will Permit Griffith Attack Suit



Mrs. Fern Stril being questioned about her suit by Blayne Matthews, chief deputy district attorney at Los Angeles.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, March 4.—The \$601,000 damage suit filed by Mrs. Fern Stril against D. W. Griffith, motion picture producer, charging that he attacked her, may proceed without interference by the district attorney, it was said today by that official.

An investigation of several days into the motives behind the suit was closed by Buron R. Fitts, district attorney, with the announcement that "no facts that would warrant a criminal prosecution at this time" had been uncovered.

Earl W. Taylor, paroled convict, who was quoted as saying that he would see that Mrs. Stril pressed her charges against Griffith to the limit, was arrested on suspicion of parole violation after his liberation by Fitts Tuesday.

Taylor was held for several days after it was said he tried to sell "the little girl's story" to newspapers.

NAVY COMES BACK
House Sinks 'Admiral' Crawford
YOU can't keep the Indiana navy down! Its decks were awash and its superstructure shot away Monday by "Rear Admiral" Earl Crawford, Milon, in a spirited engagement in the Indiana house of representatives, but the dreadnaught "La Fayette" under "Chief Admiral" Russell Smith appeared suddenly out of a fog Tuesday and routed Crawford.

In other words, the house reversed its action as a committee of the whole in eliminating from the \$76,000,000 biennial appropriation bill an item of \$42,000 of the Indiana naval militia. On motion of Representative Smith, the house reinserted the item, still against the protests of Representative Crawford "in the name of economy."

The \$42,000 will be expended over a period of two years on the naval militia unit which has one boat, the "Kitty Hawk," usually kept harbored in Lake Michigan. In rescinding its elimination of the appropriation, members of the house continued to berate their actions by "officially" stripping Crawford of the Rear Admiral's title conferred Monday and investing Smith with the cognomen of Chief Admiral.

A joke resolution directed that in view of the house action in coming to the "Kitty Hawk's" rescue, "Rear Admiral" Smith should proceed in the craft direct to the Garfield Park swimming pool to hold "spring maneuvers." Speaker of the House Walter Myers accepted the resolution with the amendment that "Admiral" Smith obtain Mack Senne's bathing beauties of film fame to act as the crew.

Truck Kills Aged Man
By United Press
MT. VERNON, Ind., March 4.—Mt. Vernon authorities today were seeking a hit-and-run driver who Tuesday night drove his truck into George Haas, 75, former city councilman, and Conrad Maier. Haas died two hours later in an Evansville hospital of a skull fracture. Maier's injuries are not serious. The two men were crossing a street in the residential district when run down.

Sheep first were introduced in America at Jamestown in 1609.

BANDITS POSE AS POLICE TO HOLD UP AUTO

Chef Is Taken for Ride, Robbed of \$40 Near Martinsville.

Police today held four men and two women as suspects in robbery of G. E. Moore, 270 North Holmes avenue, and Miss R. E. Chapman, 210 West Thirty-eighth street, by two men, who posing as police officers, crowded Moore's car to the side of the road about midnight.

The holdup took place at Cold Springs and Michigan roads, Brandishing weapons, the bandits robbed Moore of \$14 and his overcoat. Miss Chapman was robbed of \$3.50, but refused to give up her coat. The bandits answered description of two gunmen who held up a couple Monday night on the Center Church road. The six suspects were arrested on vagrancy charges by police, as they got out of a car in front of 513 North Alabama street. Two of the men answered description of the bandits who held up Moore, police said.

Chef Taken for Ride
Police today sought two men who took Jack Cafouros, R. R. 4, Box 457, cook at the Claypool, for a ride and robbed him of \$40 near Martinsville Tuesday.

Walking up as Cafouros got in his car at South and Meridian streets, the bandits told Cafouros his wife was ill and said they would go home with him. Entering the car, they drew guns and forced him to drive south, getting out of the car after robbing him.

Four men today were held on vagrancy charges after one of the men was thrown from a coupe as police pursued them early today.

Others Are Held
Patrolmen Timmo' O'Neill and George Johnson, hearing a man shouting as a coupe passed them at Illinois and Ohio streets, jumped in a taxi and pursued. As they neared the car, Joseph Tucker, 22, Louisville, fell to the street and a revolver was tossed from the car. Tucker, with a long gash on his head, was taken to hospital.

Others held were Victor Wray, 21, of 1826 West Vermont street; John Dafford, 23, of 3554 West Michigan street; and George Williams, 30, of 239 North Illinois street. Carl Clauson, delivery messenger for a Hook drug store at Forty-second street and College avenue, was robbed of about \$40 late Tuesday night by two men who called him to the 4800 block on Guilford avenue with a fake order.

Aaron Frazier, 21, Negro, 320 West Eleventh street, today was held as the fifth suspect in the \$300 robbery Feb. 22 of Mr. and Mrs. John Caswell, 3125 Central avenue, owners of a tea room.

Madison County Sued
By Times Special
ANDERSON, Ind., March 4.—Scott Blake has filed suit against the board of commissioners seeking to recover judgment for \$250 against Madison county for damage sustained by his truck in a collision with a county gravel truck.

MOTION PICTURES
APOLLO
HURRY! LAST 3 DAYS
BEBE DANIELS
in "MY PAST"
with Lewis Stone—Ben Lyon
Starts Saturday
Ann HARDING
Breaking All Records At Roxy, New York
East Lynne
with Clive BROOK
Comrad NAGEL
Frank Lloyd production
SPECIAL MIDNIGHT PREMIERE FRIDAY 11:15 P. M.

Star Turns Playwright



Mary Hay, who was Mrs. Richard Barthelmess once upon a time, has graduated from the song-and-dance stage into the ranks of playwrights. Her first effort, "The Greater Love," is one of Broadway's newest productions.

AMUSEMENTS
LYRIC
BIGGEST SHOW IN TOWN
CHARLES FARRELL
IN
"BODY AND SOUL"
WITH
ELISSA LANDI
Flaming new screen and A daring—vibrant love drama

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BILLY PURL
and His 30 People
SHOW OF WONDERS
One solid hour of fun
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AUDREY EVANS
AXEL CHRISTENSEN
Character Player
FAT and WILLA LA VOLLA
BO VAUDEVILLE
DANCE NIGHTLY
LYRIC BALLROOM
NEXT SATURDAY
Smilin' ED. McCONNELL
—IN PERSON—

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PALACE
Douglas FAIRBANKS
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STARTS SATURDAY
"THE EASIEST WAY"
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More thrilling than the stage play!
COMING SOON!
CHARLIE CHAPLIN
in "CITY LIGHTS"

OHIO
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Marian Nixon, Nell Hamilton
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Indianapolis with—
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LAST 2 DAYS—**"MILLIE"**

CIRCLE
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DRACULA
BELA LUGOSI
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HELEN CHANDLER **DAVID MANNERS**
One kiss from his crimson lips and she was his!
Story of the strangest passion ever known!
LAST 2 DAYS—**"SCANDAL SHEET"** **CLIVE BROOK**
KAY FRANCIS **GEORGE BANCROFT**

PREDICT FALL OF CORPORATE TAX MEASURE

Restoration of 3 Per Cent Rate Is Held Death Blow to Bill.

Possibility of passage of the corporate income tax bill by the senate appeared remote today as the bill was put on third reading for final action. With opponents of the measure having run about the senate Tuesday urging approval of the Democratic move to restore the rate to the original 3 per cent as voted by the house, it became evident that the bill is slated for slaughter. The Democratic rate restoration amendment was adopted unanimously by a voice vote when the bill was being considered as special order of business on second reading Tuesday afternoon.

In committee of the whole, the rate had been cut to 1½ per cent by the Republicans. Payments are to be based on net income of all corporations of the state. Senator Thurman A. Gottschalk (Dem., Adams, Blackford and Wells) proposed the 3 per cent rate restoration. "Are you Democrats serious about a corporate income tax, or do you want to kill this bill?" Senator

Robert L. Moorhead (Rep., Marion) inquired. With a big grin, Gottschalk asserted the Democrats were serious and that 3 per cent is necessary to raise sufficient revenues to make the measure worth while. He said he thought it would pass.

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Exclaims Illinois St. Woman
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