

CHAIR SNUFFS OUT LIVES OF 4 MURDERERS

Fifth Man Wins Stay on Plea of Insanity; 150 Watch.

By SAMUEL H. KNOTT, United Press Staff Correspondent CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Four murderers went to their deaths today in Cook county's new electric chair.

A fifth obtained a last minute stay on insanity claims.

Three deputies half-carried Frank Jordan, slayer of two policemen, into the death chamber at 12:13 a.m. When the first charge of electricity hit his body, his feet flew up. A nervous executioner had forgotten to strap them.

His legs were bound and the current turned on again. He was pronounced dead at 12:17 a.m., and his body taken to a room ironically labeled "school."

Swaggers to Chair

Charles Rocco, involved in the murder of a banker during a hold-up, followed him. The current was turned on at 12:21 a.m. Smoke billowed up, but he still lived. The electricity was switched twice more. At 12:29, eight minutes later, his heart had stopped beating.

Next was John Papescu, Rocco's partner in the murder of Courtney Merrill. Papescu quivered in the arms of the guards. He sank into the chair at 12:32 a.m., died at 12:38.

Richard Sullivan, co-slayer of a restaurant owner, was last. He seemed almost to swagger, despite the grasp of the deputies. The electrodes were placed on his head and right leg at 12:41 a.m. He was dead six minutes later.

Sullivan went to his death almost gayly, firm in the belief that his arch enemy, Frank Bell, had pre-ceded him to the chair.

Hidden From Him
"I don't mind dying so long as that rat Bell dies first," said Sullivan shortly before he left his death cell, where a small phonograph played a jazz song.

"And I couldn't bear to tell him that Bell received a stay of execution from Judge J. J. Kelly," said Warden David Monypenny. Bell and Sullivan killed Chris Patras, owner of a Clark street restaurant. Bell confessed, implicating Sullivan.

About 150 witnesses sat in a dim ante-room. They gazed through a plate-glass partition into the brightly lighted death chamber. Among them was Ernest Schaeublin, who tackled Jordan on Michigan boulevard after Jordan had slain patrolmen Patrick Durkin and Anthony Ruthay in a gun battle.

Schaeublin laughed when told Jordan had remembered and hated him to the last.

Post Stops First Cycle Ride

By United Press SOUTH HADLEY FALLS, Mass., Oct. 16. Timothy Sullivan learned how to start, but not how to stop his new motorcycle, and he had to run into a post to bring his maiden ride to an end.

Pleads 'Unwritten Law'



LEGISLATORS TO CUT LOOSE ON SHORT SELLERS

Many Congressional Leaders Are Prepared to Wage

Bitter Fight.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Efforts of the stock exchange to restrict short selling will not prevent a flood of legislation designed to prevent this form of speculative activity.

Rejoicing that Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, majority leader, had declared himself in favor of a curb, thereby placing administration support behind some proposal, Representative F. H. LaGuardia (Rep. N. Y.), urged Watson to endorse his bill. Although it was introduced two years ago, LaGuardia has not been able to obtain a committee hearing on it.

Others who plan to press such legislation are Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.), chairman of a sub-

committee of banking and currency now investigating the question; Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway (Dem., Ark.), Senator William King (Dem., Utah), and Senator Gerald P. Nye, (Rep., N. D.). Glass's committee may formulate some restriction that will command general support.

So far the strongest voice raised against the legislative curb has been Senator David A. Reed's the Pennsylvanian, who frequently voices. Secretary Andrew W. Mellon's opinions believe short selling is necessary and salutary activity, and feels the cure may be worse than some of the evils brought out since the 1929 crash.

It is understood that treasury officials, although keeping out of the situation, think the worst difficulty is not short selling itself, but some of the methods alleged to have been used by the bears to knock down prices.

These consist of false rumors and other methods already condemned by the stock exchange's board of governors. Officials frankly say they think this is a problem for the exchange itself rather than for congress.

"Now that short selling has caused so much disaster," said La Guardia, "perhaps it will be possible to get a hearing on this important subject. I found no interest in it

TAMMANY HITS AT ROOSEVELT

Credits New Supreme Court Posts to 'Conspiracy.'

By United Press NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Tammany Hall has opened a fight on Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Daniel F. Colahan, former supreme court justice and member of Tammany Hall's legal "board of strategy" Thursday night charged Governor Roosevelt with "conspiracy" in the legislation creating twelve new supreme court justices.

Samuel Seabury, prosecutor of the

when I introduced my measure soon after the collapse in 1929."

In his letter to Watson the New Yorker said:

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