

BOOK SELLER, TO 'Lay Out' FINE IN JAIL

Insisted on \$12 Worth of
Double Parking, Got
Eleven Days.

Harry Dalinsky, a book merchant, who believes this is "no mean city" and who says he always gets what he goes after, today achieved the goal he sought—jail.

The seller of books, who lives at 107 East Ninth street, wanted to go to jail Monday. Today his ambition waned slightly, but, with the aid of Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer, and lack of funds, Dalinsky went anyway.

Before he started serving eleven days to pay an \$11 fine for violating a traffic ordinance, Dalinsky made an eloquent plea for himself and lost.

Refused to Obey Cop

The book merchant's contest with the law opened Monday at Georgia and Illinois streets, where patrolman Ferdinand Finchum placed a sticker on Dalinsky's car for double parking. Dalinsky, who said he was delivering merchandise, protested.

Dalinsky proposed he continue unloading his goods, since he was faced with paying \$2 anyway.

"I told him to move on," Finchum testified. "He insisted on unloading and said since he was stuck once he might as well get all his work done for the same \$2."

"When I told him I'd arrest him and have his car towed in, he told me to go ahead."

Records show Dalinsky spent half an hour in jail and when he found his car in a downtown garage with \$3 impounding against it, he left it in the garage.

Offered \$1

"Your honor, I was not violating the law—at least I didn't know it," he told Sheaffer. "I believe this is 'No Mean City' and therefore I don't see why I should be arrested. There was no spirit of law violation in my double-parking at the corner."

"I merely was transacting business and when I found I had to pay for the privilege I saw no reason why I shouldn't continue with my work. Today I see no reason why I should be punished."

Sheaffer assessed a fine off \$1 and costs.

Dalinsky offered the court attaches \$1.

"No, that's not enough," they told him. "The total is \$1."

Dalinsky shrugged his shoulders.

"Yesterday I told the officer to take me to jail," he said pocketing the lone bill. "Today, you, too, can have that privilege."

LONG ILLNESS FATAL TO AGED CITY WIDOW

Mrs. Mathilde Feibleman, 78, was active in Charity Work.

After an illness of seven weeks following an accident, Mrs. Mathilde Feibleman, 78, widow of Charles B. Feibleman, died at her home, 3264 Ruckie street, early today.

Mrs. Feibleman, born in Posen, Germany, had lived in Indianapolis almost half a century.

Survivors include her daughters, Miss Gertrude Feibleman, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Mark Gates, Lowell, Mass., and a son, Isidore Feibleman, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Wednesday afternoon at Flanner and Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation cemetery.

TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF COSTS HELD MODERATE

Lower Here Than in Cities of Same Size, Trustee's Attorney Says.

Township poor relief in Indianapolis cost less per capita during the last nine months than in any other city of corresponding size in the nation, according to figures made public by Walter Clarke, attorney for Center Township trustee, Hamm Noone.

The per capita cost here for the period was \$1.96, as compared to \$2.00 Wednesday afternoon at Flanner and Buchanan mortuary. Burial will be in the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation cemetery.

COMMISSIONERS AGAIN DELAY MANN VERDICT

Ruling to Be Handled Down Friday, Crowd Is Told.

County politicians and employees massed in the office of county commissioners today awaiting the ruling in the ouster case against Charles W. Mann, road superintendent.

The ruling was to have been issued at 10 this morning.

But at 10 the doors of the commissioners' private offices remained closed. Voices rumbled inside.

Then at 11 the waiting constituents were told the board had postponed its ruling until 10 Friday morning.

UTILITY PROBE ORDERED

House Authorizes Inquiry Into Holding Companies.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The house today authorized a thorough inquiry into public utility holding companies of every character, including radio, telephone and telegraph, aviation, pipe lines, buses and other agencies of transportation and communication.

It adopted a resolution by Chairman Rayburn (Dem., Tex.) of the interstate commerce committee permitting his committee to conduct the inquiry.

Murder Case History

After six years' of deliberation, the Indiana supreme court today ruled that D. C. Stevenson, former Ku-Klux Klan dragon and political czar, must spend the remainder of his life in the state prison for the murder of Miss Madge Oberholzer of Indianapolis.

Since the death of the girl and Stevenson's subsequent trial at Noblesville, the state and nation have awaited the high court's ruling.

In view of the decision, Stevenson has only one channel remaining by which he might escape the life sentence. That is a petition for a writ of error coram nobis, still pending before the high court.

It was not until the third grand jury was called that he turned the famous "black boxes" over to the investigators. These disclosed his close connection with those in high political places. He used to keep a careful record with names signed.

Prosecution was prevented for the most part by the statute of limitations becoming effective. The grand jurors scored those who were tarred with Stevensonism and deplored the fact that they were unable to do more, particularly in the instance of Ralph Updike, then a member of congress from this district.

Claims Double-Crossing'

Earl Klinck, since sentenced on another charge, and Earl Gentry, Stevenson lieutenants, also were indicted. They were freed by the jury which convicted the former dragon.

The last of the Stevensonism juries disbanded in 1927. They had been handled by William H. Remy, then prosecutor of Marion county, who also had prosecuted Stevenson for murder.

Since 1927, Stevenson has made various moves to secure his release. Most of these actions have been in Porter circuit court. All failed.

Two hundred and twenty-eight prospective talesmen were examined before the jury was selected and the trial got under way Oct. 28, 1925.

Stephenson failed to take the contention that the clerk of the Marion County Criminal Court failed to sign the transcript in the change of venue to Hamilton Circuit Court and that death of the girl was suicide caused by drinking poison.

Deaths Technically, Suicide.

Attorneys who have taken part in perfecting the appeal of John H. Kiplinger, Rushville; Tom Miller, Munice, and Lloyd O. Hill, Indianapolis. Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom upheld the State in the high court, assisted by Deputies Dale F. Stansbury and the late Edward J. Lennon.

Evidence upon which Stephenson was convicted was that the erstwhile Klan dragon had sent for the girl at her home, 5802 University Ave., taken her March 15, 1925, to Hammond, Ind., after drinking and forcing her to drink at Stephenson's Irvington home, assaulted her in the private compartment of a Pullman car en route; refused her medical aid after she took poison at a Hammond hotel and brought her all the way back to Indianapolis in an automobile, suffering intensely; left her in the garage at his Irvington home overnight and two days after the trip had started had Earl Klinck, a "gorilla-like" lieutenant, bring her home and put her in bed.

The State was successful in the contention that the girl died from bruised and lacerations, including bites, as well as from the poison taken.

Boasts "I Am the Law"

Klinck and another Stephenson lieutenant, Earl Gentry, were also tried for the murder, but found not guilty. Stephenson was sentenced to life imprisonment on being found guilty of murder in the second degree. He had since been at Indiana State Prison, between trips to various courts in Marion County and elsewhere, on graft investigations and personal affairs.

It was while on the tragic trip to Hammond that "Steve" is said to have boasted, "I'm the law in Indiana." He had reached wealth and political power through his leadership of the Ku-Klux Klan.

Stephenson's trial started at Noblesville on Oct. 12, 1925, and continued for more than a month. Stephenson was found guilty Nov. 14, 1925.

Oral arguments in his appeal to the Indiana supreme court, which he had filed April 30, 1928.

CONVENTION IS OPENED

Sheet Metal Men Meet at Antlers for Day Session.

Members of the Sheet Metal and Warm Air Heating Contractors' Association of Indiana began their thirteenth annual convention today at the Antlers.

It was admitted that Stephenson had backed Arthur R. Robinson for the appointment by Jackson to the United States senate. When the threats reached the outside world through the late Thomas H. Adams, then editor of the Vincennes Commercial, and Boyd Gurley, editor of the Indianapolis Times, politicians

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