

M'NAMARA IN FIGHT TO BEAT RUM CHARGES

Suppress Motion Filed by Bombing Figure; 29 Plead Guilty.

Legal battle of John McNamara of Fortville, former labor leader and figure in the bombing of the Los Angeles Times building to escape conviction of a charge of manufacturing liquor, was opened today at his arraignment in federal court with filing of a motion to suppress evidence.

Two hundred seventy-eight other defendants, including four persons connected with the Towne Club liquor case, were arraigned before Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Because of a huge crowd jamming the courtroom to witness the arraignment, one of the largest in the history of the court, Baltzell ordered the courtroom cleared of spectators ten minutes after court opened.

29 Plead Guilty

Guilt pleas to charges of liquor law violations were made by twenty-nine Indianapolis persons. They and others who pleaded guilty were to be sentenced this afternoon.

Chet Fowler, alleged aviator-bootlegger, and the Towne Club attaches were among twenty-two Indianapolis persons pleading not guilty to dry law violation charges.

Indictments on the Towne Club case of Robert Griffith, manager; Lloyd Turpin, master of ceremonies; and William Winn and William Potter, porters, followed a raid by federal agents a year ago as hundreds of guests were in the club. Trials were set for May 9.

Fowler was indicted after police squads and dry agents raided a garage at his home last fall, claiming they confiscated thousands of dollars worth of liquor hidden in a false basement. Baltzell fixed May 9 as his trial date.

Now in Leavenworth

Tony Ferracane, alleged bootlegger, now serving a boozey sentence in Leavenworth penitentiary, will be tried with his wife Anna on a transporting count, May 9. Mrs. Ferracane pleaded not guilty.

Baltzell fixed May 26 as date for arguments on the motion to suppress evidence in the McNamara case.

Police squads raided the former labor leader's home near Fortville several months ago, confiscating a still, they claimed.

The Rev. John Vassiliades of Malone, Ill., former pastor of a Greek orthodox church, pleaded not guilty to a charge of selling liquor. He is alleged to have sold a large quantity of sacramental wine.

Please Are Entered

Not guilty pleas to liquor law violation charges were entered by the following:

Thomas Black, Ollie Gentry, Harry C. Hanes, John Hart, Ralph F. Fiske, Ralph Hart, Raymond Baker, Ralph Metzger, George Whaley, Carl King, Claude B. Whitehead, and James B. Hensley, all of Indianapolis.

The following Indianapolis persons entered guilty pleas to booze law violation charges:

James C. Christian, Bart E. Poore, Elwood T. Fife, John G. Sebastian, Pauline Donald Brown, Thomas Coker, Theodore F. Fife, Arthur McDermon, Leroy Jones, Sicilia Joyce, George L. Gandy, Charles Frank, Mike McGuire, Walter Ed. Williams, Dave Lester Holmes, Arthur Skidmore, Ralph N. Getzler, Basil Corrie, John H. Hedges, John H. Hedges, John T. Pierce, John C. Farley, Homer S. Tison, Frank Lane, Reuben S. Windisch, George Hinton, Roscoe Hartman and Joe Melcher.

FIND SUB-MACHINE GUN ABANDONED BY OWNER

Weapon Discovered by Workmen in Vacant House.

Owner of a submachine gun found in a vacant house at 6071 Indiana avenue, is sought by police today.

Police said furnace pipes in the building had been stuffed with paper and matches.

Discovery was made by workmen for the American Town Lots Company, 208 K. of P. building, sent to the house Wednesday afternoon to make repairs. The machine gun was found in a wooden case on an inclosed rear porch.

Officials of the company said a former occupant of the house moved out after suit for possession was filed against him in county courts.

REPUBLICAN LEADERS TO MEET AT GARY

Conference Scheduled on Eve of Curtis Crown Point Talk.

Lake county Republican leaders will be called into conference Friday when Ivan C. Morgan, state chairman, reaches Gary on the eve of the meeting Saturday night at Crown Point when Vice-President Charles Curtis is to speak.

Among those who will be present at the Curtis dinner are Governor Harry G. Leslie; Miss Dorothy Cunningham, national committee woman; Miss Genevieve Brown, supreme court reporter; Mrs. J. E. P. Holland, vice-chairman, and Miss Mary Sleeth, candidate for the nomination for treasurer.

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KIDNAPING PLOT BARED BY RICH BRIDGE EXPERT

Ely Culbertson's Children Guarded as Result of Menacing Notes.

By United Press CHICAGO, March 17.—Ely Culbertson, who made a fortune playing bridge, revealed today that he and his wife have received letters threatening to kidnap their two small children.

"We believe the letters were written by cranks," said Culbertson upon his arrival from New York, "but we are keeping close watch over the children, nevertheless. Their nurse is equipped with a police whistle and every necessary precaution is being taken."

The children, Bruce, 2, and Fifi, 3, are in New York with their mother, Mrs. Josephine Culbertson, who recently participated with her husband in a widely publicized bridge tournament to test the Culbertson and Sidney Lenz contract systems.

Culbertson said the tournament subjected his family to a "terrific glare of publicity," thereby bringing on the threatening letters. He said he believed prominent men would join together in an "anti-kidnappers" protective association.

"I believe this kidnap epidemic, emphasized by the unfortunate Lindbergh case, is due to terrorized fathers who are ready instantly to hand over money to the abductors," he explained. "If it were known they would not pay, the kidnappers would fall off. The fathers should join together against such terrorism."

Culbertson is in Chicago to organize the international bridge Olympics, beginning here April 1. He said he expected "100,000 persons in all parts of the world" to participate.

Flees and Thwarts Holdup

When two men riding in an automobile drew revolvers after buying oil at a filling station at Madison avenue and McCarty street Wednesday night, the attendant, Orville Grider, 4314 Schofield avenue, ran from the place. The gunmen fled.

CHARLES A. MANN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Operated Typewriter Firm: Member of Shrine, Scottish Rite.

Charles A. Mann, 49, of 3928 Park avenue, operator of a local typewriter firm, died today in Methodist hospital, where he had been confined since March 11.

Mr. Mann, a resident of Indianapolis forty-five years, was born in Seymour. About ten years ago he established the Typewriter Service Company here.

He was a member of Calvin Prayer Lodge No. 717, F. & A. M., the Scottish Rite, the Murat Shrine and Nett Ransford chapter, O. E. S.

Widow, Sisters Survive

Survivors are the widow, and three sisters, Miss May Mann, Mrs. H. C. Anderson and Mrs. J. B. Reese, all of Indianapolis.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

August Krome, 90, a native of Germany, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pauline Brinkman, 1119 North Temple avenue. He had been ill for several months.

Mr. Krome came to this country in 1852. He lived in Indianapolis sixty-nine years. He was a student at Concordia college in Ft. Wayne. He taught in the German Lutheran schools of Indianapolis thirty years. For fifteen years, he operated a stand in the city market.

Services Set Friday

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday in the home of Mrs. Brinkman, and at 2:30 in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in Concordia cemetery.

Several months' illness resulted in the death of Evert G. Day, 52, Wednesday in his home, 1020 North Beville avenue. He had lived in Indianapolis thirty years. He was for twenty-five years an employee of the Crane company.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Friday in the home. Burial will be in Washington Park cemetery.

BELLAS HESS TO QUIT

By United Press NEW YORK, March 17.—Stating it can not continue in business as a going concern, National Bellas Hess Company today called for a special meeting of stockholders on April 4 to liquidate the company.

The decision to liquidate came from a committee appointed by the new board of directors earlier this year.

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Speaks Friday



Dr. Bruno Roselli

Dr. Bruno Roselli will speak on "Democracy Vs. Leadership" at 11 Friday morning at English's theater before patrons of Indianapolis Town Hall.

POWERS' HOPES WANING

High Court Admits: Only Governor's Mercy Between Death.

By United Press

MONROVIA, W. Va., March 17.—With his pleas both to state and federal courts denied, Harry F. Powers looked today to intervention by Governor Conley as possibly the only means of staying his execution Friday night.

Powers, so-called "Bluebeard" of Clarksburg, W. Va., who was convicted on charges of killing Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke, Northboro, Mass., was advised to seek gubernatorial clemency when the state supreme court refused his third plea late Wednesday.

Suicide Tried by Jobless Woman

Despondency over lack of employment is said to have caused Mrs. Georgia Taylor, 20, Negro, to attempt suicide by swallowing poison Wednesday night at her home, 617 West North street. Her condition is reported serious at city hospital.

JUDGE IMPOSES SENTENCE ON OLD PAL'S SON

Baker Declares He Can't Grant Clemency, Despite Friend's Plea.

Judge Frank P. Baker of criminal court today sentenced a son of a boyhood playmate to the Indiana reformatory for ten years.

The defendant was Francis Stevenson, 22, son of William Stevenson of Scotsburg, who pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to rob. The crime was committed while he was on parole from the reformatory, where he had served fifteen months of a one to ten-year term for auto theft.

Before pronouncing sentence, the court told the prisoner that the father had written a lengthy letter, recalling boyhood days and asking that clemency be extended.

"I would do more for you on this account than otherwise might be the case," the court told young Stevenson, "but justice must take its course."

Armed with a revolver, Stevenson attempted to rob Marshall Brummett, 3649 Stanton avenue, a taxi driver, on Feb. 16. Stanton resisted and, in the ensuing struggle, disarmed Stevenson and called police.

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Sweet Pinch

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 17.—If Prohibition Agent John Huntley hadn't been fond of candy, Otto Flebing, delicatessen store owner, would not face charges of dry law violation today.

Flebing was out on bond after Huntley told United States Commissioner Walker about the Easter eggs he said he bought in Flebing's store.

"They charged me 25 cents for three eggs," Huntley said. "That made me suspicious. I started to eat one and discovered that inside the chocolate cover was a nip of liquor."

BOMB ATTEMPT FEARED

San Francisco Mayor's Home Guarded as Plot Is Reported.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—The home of Mayor Angelo J. Rossi was guarded by police today after the executive had received warnings that a bomb plot might be directed against him and his family.

Mayor Rossi said a man telephoned him Wednesday night saying he had overheard two men in a hotel lobby discussing a plan to lodge a bomb in the Rossi house "either Wednesday or Thursday."

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