

PRISONER NOT MAN ARRESTED, OFFICER INSISTS

Court Mystified as Cop Says Defendant Was 'Bigger Fellow.'

Patrolman Emmet McCormick said the defendant wasn't the man he arrested.

But the man said he was the man. And another man arrested at the same time said that the first man was the man.

Two witnesses of the arrest said he wasn't the man arrested.

Now it is the problem of Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer to decide whether incarceration in the city prison while awaiting trial could change the appearance of a defendant. James Freeman, Negro, of 603½ South Capitol avenue, to a degree that the arresting officer wouldn't recognize him in court. The case was continued until Wednesday.

According to McCormick he arrested Freeman and Wilbur Wilson, 27, of 8 Poplar street, June 12 at the office of Hannah Noone, township trustee, 122 North East street, and slated them for vagrancy, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and resisting an officer.

When the defendants appeared in court, McCormick interrupted proceedings with the denial that the man appearing as Freeman was the Freeman he arrested. He was supported in his statement by Frank Manning, deputy in the trustee's office, and Cecil Gibson, an investigator for the trustee.

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HUGE WAR PAINTING IS ON VIEW TO PUBLIC

Canvas Is 402 Feet Long, 45 Feet High; in Special Building.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, July 16.—A substantial section of official Washington donned evening clothes recently to attend a preview of the world's largest, though concededly not best, painting.

It is the "Pantheon de la Guerre," now called "The Panorama of the World War," depicting 6,000 figures who played a part in that titanic struggle. The painting is the work of 128 artists and took five years to make. The canvas is 402 feet long and forty-five feet high.

A local amusement man has the picture and expects to do a good business during the Washington bicentennial. Next year the painting will go to Chicago for the centenary of progress exhibition.

A special building of gas-tank type of architecture was constructed to house the painting. The round interior is almost covered by it and lecturers point out the prominent figures to gaping visitors.

Prior to the preview, President Hoover was given a private showing. He gazed on the figure of a round-faced gentleman with brown hair and a high, stiff collar. It was Herbert Hoover, food administrator and relief worker.

Three other American Presidents also are depicted. They are Woodrow Wilson, the war-time President; Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft.

SENATE PASSES BILL BANNING BOND ISSUES

Stirring Debate Is Brought On as Measure Comes Up.

There will be no public bond issues in Indiana, except in cases of "indispensable necessity," to be decided by the tax board, during the next ten years if the Hartzell bill passed by the senate Friday receives approval from the house and Governor.

The measure brought forth one of the most stirring debates of the session. Opponents of the bill charged it is designed to stop all public works, which is the one outlet by which government can help the unemployed without giving a "dole."

Senator Lee J. Hartzell (Rep.), Ft. Wayne, defended his measure and it was passed, 29 to 11.

Other senate bills passed provide for putting Barrett law delinquency payments in the county treasury, instead of the treasurer's pocket, and establishment of the Holmes plan for merging counties and townships.

Under the bills introduced by Senator C. Oliver Holmes (Rep.), Gary, counties would merge upon a referendum vote favoring merger brought upon petition of thirty-five taxpayers.

Three methods for merging townships are set out, by petition, referendum and by action of the county commissioners.

ARRANGE CAMP FIGHTS

Athletic Program at Fort Is Prepared by Officers.

Athletic program for entertainment of C. M. T. C. candidates at Ft. Harrison will include two practice polo games this week-end and boxing matches three nights a week, it has been announced.

The fights, open to the public, will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Eleventh infantry officers and the Rolling Ridge polo team will meet at 3:30 Saturday and again at 3 Sunday.

AIMEE GETTING BETTER

Report Evangelist Slightly Improved; Back Home Again.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, July 16.—Aimee Semple McPherson Hutton, Evangelist, suffering from a complication of nervous disorders, tropical fever and concussion of the brain, was reported slightly improved today at her Moorish castle, Lake Elsinore.

WHITE MAGIC THRILLS RUSTICS

Blue Ridge Awaits Annual Mystery Show by Attorney



Bernard M. L. Ernst,
pupil of Houdini,
who finds magic
a diversion from
his workday world
of law offices
and courtrooms.

He prescribes
it to friends as a
nerve tonic.

By EARL SPARLING
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NEW YORK, July 16.—About this time the folks up in Blue Ridge, Essex county, start getting ready for the big free, open-air magical show.

August would not be August without that show. It has been a regular event for years now, as seasonal as the bulging of the melons and the ripening of the corn.

It is held in front of the village postoffice at 7:30 p.m.; come, come all, and bring the children. Everybody comes, all right. The town folks start gathering right after supper. The farmers drive in from miles around.

And you would never guess, you city slickers, who that rustic magician is. None other than Bernard M. L. Ernst, attorney, of 25 West Forty-third street. A packing box is his stage, a farmer boy his assistant.

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permission, often by payment of a royalty.

And especially does a member of the society never reveal a secret to an outsider. The amateurs keep as much as the professionals, probably more so.

In addition, Bernard Ernst has obtained a court decision which amounts to a legal "Magna Charta" for magicians. It is quite a story, involving the sawing of a woman in half.

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tended the illusion was common property; that an Egyptian papyrus in the British Museum told of a head which had been cut off.

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"It is necessary, third, that is impossible for a magician to protect himself by patents. A patent is open to any one who wants to go to the trouble of getting the description of apparatus from the patent office."

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Houdini had his own mechanics build the apparatus. Goldin got more and more interested, and improved on Pinetti's original method.

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tional society, you know—the illusion went over with a bang.

"It was so old that it was entirely new to most of the magicians who saw it. That was the beginning of what became almost a national mania.

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WARNING TO BANDITS

By United Press

HARRISON, N. Y., July 16.—Wild life in Westchester county must be preserved, authorities decided.

Annual sharpening of the shooting eyes of Indiana bankers will be held at the rifle range, Ft. Harrison, Sept. 26, according to an announcement by the Indiana Bankers' Association, organizer of vigilantes, bank officials and clerks into a military body for defense against bandit raids.

Thirteen pistol and rifle shooting events will be included in the program. Rapid fire at bulls-eye, bobbing and silhouette targets from standing and other positions will be scored for award of gold, silver and bronze medals.

County elimination events will not be held this year, it is said.

Scores of three highest men, from each county, will be considered a team score in the state contest.

Yearly competition cups will be awarded to team winners in the

best of three games.

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