

## MEYER-KISER COURT PROBE TO CONTINUE

Two Other Ex-Officials to Take Stand for Questioning.

Questioning of former officials and liquidating agents of the defunct Meyer-Kiser bank will continue in circuit court this week with J. J. Kiser and M. S. Cohn on the witness stand.

At the same time, the grand jury probe of two other defunct local institutions, the State Savings and Trust Company, and the Washington Bank and Trust Company, will be pushed, according to Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson.

Ten days remain before expiration of the present grand jury term. Nearly a month of studying records and documents of the two banks would be lost if a new grand jury took up the probe, it has been pointed out.

### Other Revelations Sought

Additional revelations regarding the Meyer-Kiser are expected this week, inasmuch as the two earlier witnesses, Sol Meyer, former president, and his son, Ferdinand S. Meyer, referred answers to numerous questions to the other two liquidating agents in the two companies of the bank for twenty-three months.

Kiser, Cohn and the younger Meyer were named liquidating agents of the bank in May, 1931, although the latter was a recent part of his time in Florida.

With Kiser and Cohn as witnesses stand, attorneys for Thomas E. Garvin, receiver, and depositors will seek answers to questions regarding transactions prior to and during the liquidation period.

Demand by Circuit Judge Earl R. Cox that the agents file a comprehensive report of their handling of funds also is awaited as the first opportunity to learn the details of the liquidation.

### Bared as Family Bank

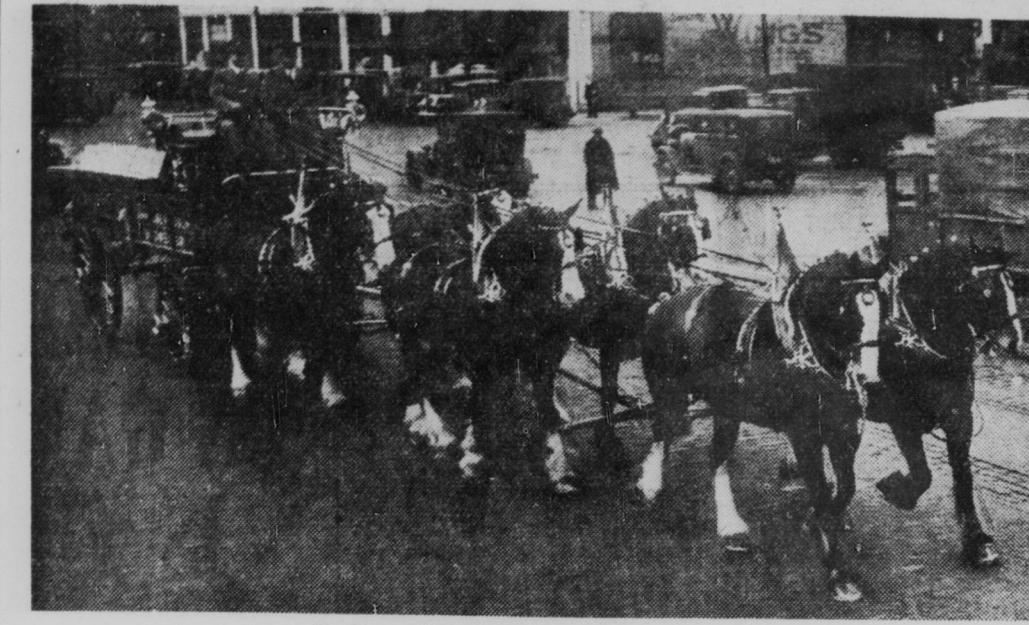
Attempt is being made by Garvin to learn the actual value of assets having a book value of \$45,000, uncovered as the bank's share in a trust organized by the former officers.

Other disclosures during the examination of the Meyers were:

The bank was "a family affair"; that it was controlled by a partnership of cousins, Sol Meyer and Sol Kiser; that in a six-year period \$1,737,000 was drawn from the bank for salaries and operating expenses; that the salary of the elder Meyer was \$65,358 in 1923; that his son received only \$40 monthly salary from the bank, but was augmented by \$600 monthly from his father, and an additional \$500 monthly from the Lincoln Loan Company, a subsidiary.

That the elder Meyer and the three liquidating agents paid themselves \$500 monthly during the liquidating period; that during the liquidation the agents also received \$500 monthly from the loan company; that Luther Symons, former state banking commissioner, suggested withholding information from the public for the good of "general business conditions," and that Symons' son, Merwin, was employed in the bank at a \$150 monthly salary for "part-time work."

### GIANT BREW-WAGON TEAMS OF HORSES 'SIGHT FOR SORE EYES'



Six-horse hitch of the Anheuser-Busch brewery.

## Slugger Runs Amuck on South Side; Attacks Trio

Three persons were slugged early Sunday night when an unidentified and apparently crazed youth ran amuck on the south side, running from house to house and attacking whomever he saw.

He was beaten into unconsciousness by one of his victims and three police officers and lodged in city prison in padded cell.

Anheuser-Busch beer, distributed locally by the Universal Beverage Company, 601 Fulton street, made its Indianapolis debut Wednesday.

## CITY BREWERY DENIED PERMIT

### 'Starvation Pay' Charges Followed by Refusal of License.

Permit for the Home Brewing Company, which is rehabilitating the old Lieber brewery, 1300 Madison avenue, will not be granted at this time, it was announced today by Paul Fry, state excise director.

On June 10, Fry said the request had been filed by the company for a beer manufacturer's permit. He announced then that he was going to inquire into the financing of the company.

Reports were current that some of the funds were coming from Mrs. Claude Worley, wife of the former Indianapolis police chief, who now is serving a federal prison sentence at Leavenworth, Kan.

This was denied, however, by John J. Darmody, president of the company.

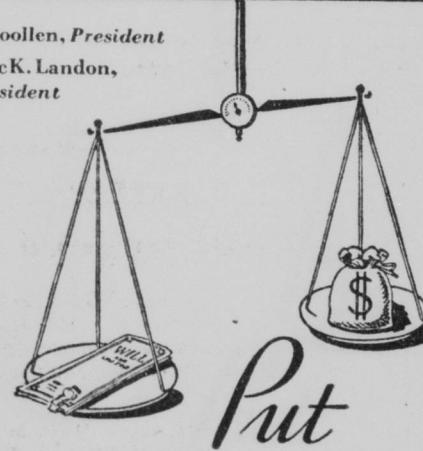
Darmody also denied that "starvation wages" were being paid to workers at the old brewery. Harry Moon, 331 Prospect street, produced a check he received for fixing boilers there at 75 cents a day.

In turning down the permit at this time, Fry gave as the reason that there is no room for more breweries in the Indianapolis district.

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Bandit Escapes After Taking \$9 From Woman Late Saturday.

Miss Connie Broglin, 522 Bell street, clerk in a store at 2246 College avenue, was held up Saturday night in the store and robbed of \$9. The bandit escaped.

Earl Long, 32, 1832 North Harding street, taxi driver, was robbed of an undetermined amount of money by a Negro bandit, Saturday night.

Woman Suffers Severed Artery

Mrs. Anna Rutter, 48, of 504 Erie street, was the victim of an unusual accident Sunday. She closed the door of her home so violently that the glass was shattered, falling on her left foot and severing an artery.

### THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

## OUTLAWS HOLD SOUTHWEST IN GRIP OF TERROR

Dozen Bandits Put Feats of Jesse James Into Novice Class.

By THOMAS C. CLUCK  
United Press Staff Correspondent

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 19.—Modernized outlawry has reached an unprecedented high point in the southwest.

Depredations of such notorious characters as Jesse James and Al Jennings were amateurish compared with the machine gun, motorized reign of terror in recent weeks.

The roster of fugitives, many with blood on their hands and a price on their heads, today stood as follows:

Seven Kansas state penitentiary convicts, including Wilbur Underhill, convicted murderer, and Harvey Bailey, killer and bank bandit.

Pretty Boy Floyd Loose

The "phantom bandit" of the southwest, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, rival of Jesse James for individual notoriety, and at least one of his lieutenants.

Two or more machine gunners who raked the Union station plaza here with bullets Saturday, killing four officers and a convict.

The bank bandits who shot to death a sheriff and state highway patrolman at Columbia, Mo.

One suspected member of the gang that kidnapped Miss Mary McElroy, daughter of the city manager of Kansas City, Mo., and collected \$30,000 ransom for her release.

Captures in the cases were:

Lansing prison break, four convicts returned to prison.

McElroy kidnapping, three men and one woman held.

Union station massacre, none.

Columbia killings, none.

Massacre Stirs Police

The massacre of Raymond J. Caffey, special agent of the United States bureau of investigation; Police Chief Otto Reed of McAlester, Okla.; Frank Hermanson and J. W. Grooms, Kansas City detectives, on the Union station plaza, aroused the forces of law to feverish activity.

The fifth victim was Frank Nash, convict, whom the officers were returning to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

The gunners did their murderous work in sight of hundreds of early morning travelers and townspeople.

Five men suspected of complicity in the massacre were seen near Leavenworth, Kan., twenty-five miles away.

The arrest Sunday in Roanoke, Va., of George McGee, suspect in the McElroy kidnapping, left only one suspect in the case still at large.

McGee's brother, Walter, was arrested in Amarillo, Tex., and convicted.

Floyd Makes Getaway

Clarence Click was arrested in Kansas City. A former wife of Walter McGee was captured at the hideout where Miss McGee was held. Clarence Stevens has not been found. Approximately half the ransom money was recovered.

Pretty Boy Floyd disappeared after he and a lieutenant released a sheriff and another man near Lee Summit, Mo., early Saturday.

The two had been held as hostages at Dripping Springs, Okla., and were released.

Of the eleven Kansas penitentiary convicts who escaped Memorial day, seven remained free. Chiodo, Doplson and Billie Woods were captured at Junction, Tex. Frank Stevens was taken near Bunker, Okla., after a bloody encounter with officers. Lewis Bischel was arrested quietly at Dripping Springs, Okla. The others could not be traced.

HOLDUP IS REPORTED

City Man Taken for Ride, by Trio, Police Are Told.

Flem O. Brittain, 44, of 8 North Addison street, reported to police that he had been "taken for a ride" late Saturday by three men who asked for directions at St. Clair street and Broadway.

With revolver pressed against his side, Brittain was driven east of the city and robbed of \$7, the contents of his purse. The bandits drove a car with an Illinois license, Brittain said.

TAKES GAS TO END LIFE

No Flowers or Funeral Is Request of Woman Suicide.

Leaving a note requesting "no flowers or flowers for me," Mrs. Lottie Steenless, 50, of 933 Buchanan street, committed suicide by leaving all the jets of her kitchen gas stove open.

The body was found Sunday night, Dr. William E. Aruckle, coroner, estimating she had been dead at least forty-eight hours.

Leisure Hour club programs this week include safety programs under the direction of Sergeant Timothy McMahon, a concert by the Newsboys band, revues by pupils of the Gwynn-Klee studios of fine arts, and by the city recreation department; a dance revue by the pupils of Miss Ina Houser; a play by the Chatterbox Dramatic club; and a program by Miss Alberta Specker.

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## Virgil Kirkland Opens New Fight for Freedom in Madison Co. Court

Judge's Right Questioned  
by Gary Youth's Coun-  
sel in Death Case.

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., June 19.—Virgil Kirkland, gin player slayer of Arlene Draves, Gary high school girl, was to open a fight for freedom this afternoon in Madison superior court.

Kirkland, a Gary youth, was given a one to ten-year term in the Indiana reformatory as result of a new trial after he had been convicted at a spectacular previous hearing of murder, entailing a life term in prison.

Second conviction was on a charge of assault and battery with intent to commit a criminal attack.

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Meanwhile a physician and nurse had been called to the home where Mrs. Hamm, the kidnapped man's aged mother, was reported near collapse.

Wyming is on trunk highway No. 1, between the Twin Cities and Duluth. It was on this same highway that the ransom payment was made Saturday night. A Hamm Brewing Company truck and a specially designated automobile figured in the payment.

At least five men were believed to have taken part in the kidnapping. The truck, originally designated as the "payoff" vehicle, separated from the automobile north of St. Paul. The automobile proceeded north on highway No. 1 to a point between Pine City and Rush City.

Two automobiles drove alongside the "payoff" car and indicated the ransom was to be thrown out. William Dunn, sales manager of the Theodore Hamm Brewing Company, who drove the ransom car, threw out the currency and continued north.

In St. Paul, as soon as word was received of Hamm's safety, police started their delayed hunt for the kidnappers. Police Chief Thomas Dahl, accompanied by several aids, sped northward out of the city. Cruiser automobiles began raids previously determined upon, to obtain information.

Some doubt was raised that the ransom had been paid to the right gang, but Dahl believed this theory.

Dahl still was confident that Verne Sankey, suspected as the perpetrator of two notorious kidnappings in the last year, was leader of the gang which overpowered Hamm.