

SAMMONS GETS LIFE SENTENCE; TO TRY APPEAL

Former Capone Henchman Has Spent 24 of 50 Years in Jail.

By Times Special
CROWN POINT, Dec. 1.—Steps to appeal conviction of James (Pur) Sammons, notorious gunman, on

charges of attempted bribery and being an habitual criminal last night were being prepared today by defense attorneys.

Sammons, former aid of Al Capone, was sentenced immediately to life imprisonment by Judge William J. Murray in Lake circuit court. The conviction came on the fifth ballot by the jury. He was charged with attempting to bribe with \$200 a deputy sheriff who arrested him for drunkenness. Previously he had been convicted in Illinois of murder, criminal assault and highway robbery.

He was wanted in several states for various offenses, and twice had forfeited bonds in Chicago. Officers said Sammon's record shows thirty or more arrests since

1923, and that he has spent twenty-four of his fifty years in prison.

Given a five-year prison term in 1900 for attacking an 11-year-old girl, he was paroled in 1903, and two months later was arrested and convicted of murdering an Illinois saloon keeper. Sentenced to hang, the term was commuted to life in prison, and in 1917, he escaped. Captured a few months later and identified as a drug store robber, Sammons was returned to prison, but was given a commutation of sentence in 1923 by Governor Len Small of Illinois.

There are more non-race-eating people in China than the whole population of the United States; the 150,000,000 people of north China subsist on wheat, corn, millet, beans and other dry land crops.

outstanding contributions to progress in the several branches of the electrical industry.

The award, consisting of a bronze medal and \$100, will be presented by Lee Whitehorn, New York, vice-president of the McGraw-Hill Company, at a formal dinner in Mr. Sanborn's honor, Dec. 8, in the Architects and Builders building.

Mr. Sanborn will receive the contractor-dealer medal. The recognition of Mr. Sanborn came as a result of his activity and achievements as a member and officer of the National Electrical Contractors' Association, of which he has been president, vice-president, director and chairman of numerous committees in the thirty-one years of his membership.

He is credited with three major

achievements in the electrical field. As chairman of the committee on underwriter rules this committee obtained recognition of the electrical contractor in the inspection of electrical setups by underwriters.

He also devised a set of universal symbols to be used in architectural plans and specifications for electrical work. Mr. Sanborn also is recognized for outstanding contributions to a code standardizing sizes of conduits for electrical wiring.

Fiddlers' Contest to Be Held

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RICHMOND, Dec. 1.—An old-fashioned fiddler's contest will be held in the Richmond coliseum Sunday afternoon with a number of prominent radio entertainers appearing on the program.

CLUB SPONSORS CHARITY DANCE

Annual Event of Wayne Township Group Set for Tomorrow.

The annual charity dance of the Wayne Township Social Club will be held tomorrow night in Municipal Gardens. Jack Berry and his orchestra will provide the music. Carter Lee is president of the club. Members of the general com-

mittee are Charles Fouts, chairman; Edward Messmer, Mrs. Nancy E. Shelby, Mrs. Walter Bradford and Mrs. Josephine Hatfield.

Members of the reception committee include Juvenile Judge John Geckler, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haymaker, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shank, Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Davis, Mrs. Mary Stout and Mrs. Ivan McPeeters.

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