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CLARK JURY IS SEATED; ARMY RENEWS GUARD

Steel-Helmeted Troopers Raid Four Hideouts in Dillinger Hunt.

ONE WOMAN SELECTED
First State Witness to Be Called This Afternoon in Slaying Case.

BY BASIL GALLAGHER,
Times Staff Writer

LIMA, O., March 21.—With national guard troops renewing vigilance against a surprise attack, a jury to try Russell Clark for the murder of Sheriff Jess Sarber was selected late this morning, and court recessed until afternoon, when the first witness was to be heard.

The jury as seated, is composed of eleven men and one woman, Mrs. Harriet Polser, Lima.

During the recess, Brigadier-General Harold M. Bush announced that the four raids made early today by his steel-helmeted guardsmen, in search for John Dillinger and gangsters reported maneuvering to free his three henchmen from jail here, will be repeated daily.

First witness this afternoon for the state was to be Dr. Frank Morris, who conducted an autopsy on the body of the slain sheriff.

Ministers Praise Judge

Judge Emmet E. Everett, during the recess, announced he had received numerous letters from ministers commending him for his stand during the trial and expressing themselves as favoring capital punishment.

The prosecution has made it plain during the trial that the state does not prefer women on the jury.

All the peremptory challenges used by Ernest M. Botkin, prosecutor, were directed against prospective women jurors. Miss Jessie Levy, Indianapolis, defense attorney, on the other hand, frankly admitted she was anxious to have women jurors in the case.

"Women are more merciful than men in murder trials," she said.

When the prosecution today peremptorily excused Mrs. Clarence Snyder, the next juror called was John Butcher, Lima merchant.

Defense attorneys commented on the coincidence that Mr. Butcher sat directly behind Edward Kill, another prospective juror.

Bush Starts Offense

"I am tired of being 'fingered' by gangsters like I am in command of this detail," General Bush said following today's raids. "Today I started on the offensive. From now on, combat patrols of soldiers, fully armed and wearing steel trench helmets as a further protection, will make raids periodically on any places we deem suspicious."

The ruddy-faced general, veteran of border campaigns and the World war, was interviewed by The Times reporter in his temporary headquarters at the Hotel Norval. Outside his room two guards, armed with riot clubs and pistols, kept guard.

A lieutenant of artillery in steel-helmet and equipped with side arms and a gas mask entered the general's room early today and saluted.

"We went to four places, sir," he reported, looking quizzically at the reporter.

"Did you find anything, lieutenant?" asked the general.

"No, sir," said the lieutenant.

General Bush admitted that his "under cover men" had been hot on the trail of persons suspected of being Dillinger gangsters, as reported exclusively in The Times yesterday.

Tired of Being Spied Upon

"We were too hot for 'em, I guess," said General Bush. "Late last night we went to a flat we have been watching on the west side of Lima, but the birds had flown, and in a great hurry. For several weeks I've been suspicious of certain strangers in town and a few days ago I started a real offensive. I just got tired of being spied upon."

Various mysterious circumstances and incidents have led General Bush to believe that Dillinger has been in Lima since the start of the trials of Harry Pierpont, Charles Makley and Clark.

Some of the circumstances which General Bush has referred to as "fingerings" were the appearance of six men in a large car which circled the courthouse and jail several nights and the appearance in town of several persons who in one way or another intimated that they were interested in the gangsters.

Two Women Involved

General Bush revealed that his men practically had established that two women, both from Indianapolis, figure largely in the present plans of the Dillinger gangsters. One is alleged to hold the purse strings of more than \$200,000 worth of loot, and the other woman is alleged to have driven the gangster's car from the scene of the murder of Sheriff Jess Sarber.

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'Somebody Loves Me —'

Pleas Greenlee No Longer Wonders Who—After Receiving 'Loving Cup' From Admirers.



That "nobody loves Pleas Greenlee" would seem almost axiomatic, to hear all Republicans and the host of disgruntled Democrats in their daily discussion of the McNutt administration patronage system.

But here is a picture proving the contrary. It is Mr. Greenlee with a loving cup, and he didn't buy it himself, either. It was given him at a Vigo county love feast of some 700 Democrats Monday night. Donor of the cup was the Vigo county Democratic committee and the presentation speech was made by Richard (Little Dick) Werneke, long time Vigo county Democratic boss.

Dick has had troubles of his own, including the premature celebration not long ago of a federal appointment which was not forthcoming. So he appreciates the plight of Pleas. In his presentation speech he said:

"There is the man that has had more heat than any member of the Democratic party in the entire state. I was one of his pioneer critics. Then I went to the statehouse and learned something about the problems he has faced and solved. I came away with the conclusion that nobody could have handled the job and not be on the same spot. It is just impossible to please everybody."

What the job has meant was explained by Mr. Greenlee in the cup acceptance speech. It meant trying to please 55,000 job-seeking "deserving Democrats" with only 3,000 state jobs, he said. He pointed out that when six apply for a single job and an appointment is made you are apt to be "left with five enemies and one ingrate."

Among those present at the meeting was Al Feeney, chief Greenlee critic and state safety director. He also spoke.

May Escape Prosecution

PARIS, March 21.—Robert and Marjorie Switz, young Americans held as principals in the greatest espionage plot ever uncovered, may escape prosecution because of their revelation of the ring's activities in France, England and the United States, it was learned today.

A law, passed in 1886, makes it possible to grant pardons to suspected spies who confess and implicate others before they are brought to trial.

Their talk, as announced officially, implicated many others in the ring. It led to five arrests immediately, and counter espionage acts of the secret service hoped to make additional arrests today.

Secret service men found five suit cases and two brief cases filled with documents at the homes of two men implicated by the Americans—Colonel Du Moulin, grand officer of the legion of honor and connected with the important military review, "Armee et Democratie," and a man named Aubry, an engineer to the army, powder service.

They planned to examine the documents today and also to explore Aubry's safe deposit box. They had little doubt that further arrests would result.

Great secrecy was maintained as to investigations understood to be proceeding in Great Britain and the United States. It had been announced that evidence on which police had been working for eight months, even before the arrest of the Switzes and other suspects in December, was obtained only with the aid of American and British espionage experts.

The secret service announced officially that the suspects were charged with espionage in behalf of Germany and Soviet Russia.

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SIX ARRESTED IN CITY TRUCK DRIVER STRIKE

Charge Five With Picketing, One With Malicious Trespassing.

LABOR BOARD CALLED

Police Report No Recurrence of Violence in War of Chauffeurs.

Six men were arrested today in connection with the alleged warfare between striking truckers and the Kibler Trucking company, 1444 East Nineteenth street.

Five of the men were held on vagrancy charges for alleged picketing near a warehouse while Chet Bowman, 38, of 4010 East Tenth street, was detained on an affidavit charging malicious trespass.

Today's arrests brought the total to seven men detained in connection with the strike and alleged violence during trucking hours.

The men held on vagrancy charges are Herman Sons, 36, of 1017 North La Salle street; Joe Keppen, 24, of 3119 East Fifteenth street; Everett Anderson, 24, of 2207 Roosevelt avenue; William Bohenkamp, 40, of 621 Greenfield avenue, and Frank Plew, 28, of 2207 Roosevelt avenue.

Peace Is Reported

Police reported no recurrence of violence in the war of chauffeurs. Four men in a sedan halted at Fifteenth and Illinois streets, but did not threaten him. They attempted to argue him into leaving his job, police said.

The regional labor board, headed by Dr. Stanley Coulter, took cognizance of the strike at a meeting yesterday, and was scheduled to make a statement today.

Efforts of The Indianapolis Times to obtain a statement regarding the strike from the regional labor board proved futile up to noon today. The board had promised the statement, but G. T. Watson, secretary, said he had been "too busy" to dictate the statement.

The dispute was carried to superior court yesterday when Orlando Catt, 3209 West Tenth street, filed a habeas corpus petition to obtain his release from custody.

Bond Is Reduced

Catt, alleged to have been a member of a group of strikers, was arrested by police on a vagrancy charge. He declared he was in bed at the time police and company drivers declared that a car driven by him was alleged to have attempted sabotage on a truck.

Superior Judge Joseph R. Williams reduced Catt's bond from \$2,000 to \$100 and he was released on that bond.

The municipal court hearing was continued to March 30. Sheriff Charles L. Sumner did not appear at the habeas hearing. Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer and Police Chief Mike Morrissey were defendants with Sheriff Sumner in the petition.

CWA WORKER ADMITS HOLDUPS, POLICE SAY

Ex-Convict Worked by Day, Stole at Night, Officers Claim.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 21.—Confessing that he was a CWA worker by day and a bandit by night, William Prince, 28, Lansing, Mich., a former convict, was being held by Calumet City police today.

Police said he admitted holding up four beer taverns in Calumet City. Prince was paroled from the Indiana state prison, the Indiana reformatory and the prison at Pontiac, Mich., police announced.

Byrd's Rescue Parties Join List of Stranded

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Sumner Withdraws From Mayor Race; Kern Is Unopposed

Sheriff Quits Democratic Campaign, Charges 'So-Called Party Leaders' Picked Their Own Candidate After He Had Entered Field.

Charles L. (Buck) Sumner, sheriff, withdrew as Democratic candidate for the mayoralty nomination yesterday. The withdrawal left Superior Judge John W. Kern as unopposed for the nomination.

It was reported Sheriff Sumner's decision to withdraw from the race was influenced by an investigation of his alleged connection with slot machine and beer racket activities in Marion county.

The sheriff in a statement charged that a few "so-called party leaders" met and picked a candidate of their own after he had entered the race.

The sheriff's statement follows: "On my return to the city, some few weeks ago, I was greeted with several thousand demands from my friends to become a candidate in the Democratic primary for mayor of the city of Indianapolis. My reply to those demands was a formal announcement March 9, 1934.

"Since that time, however, a few so-called party leaders, to-wit: W. E. Clauer, H. Nathan Swaim and E. Kirk McKinney, and certain others under their control, held a conference, and the wisdom of their decision to support one of their own choosing must rest with the rank and file of the Democratic party.

Calls Action 'Selfish'

"My friends know that any unprejudiced reception of my candidacy with a prerequisite pledge from me to perpetuate in office employees without regard to qualification either as Democrats or public servants, finds no favor with me."

"What political success has been mine in the past has not been founded upon my acceptance of such a proposal from any group. As a citizen and Democrat, it has been my observance that political party success and public responsibility soon falls when the inherent right, both of the citizenry and of the ranks of a political party to choose its public officials is denied by the selfish action of any group.

"Proof of this truth is reflected in the prompt repudiation of the Republican party in local government, when representatives of that party for public office were 'machine made' and 'hand picked'.

Certain of Nomination

"That the Democratic party may not reach this pitfall is my earnest hope. With those of like unbiased thought, I shall join unhampered by candidacy for office, in furtherance of the Democratic party principles of free expression, gratitude among its members and common action."

"To this end, nonbelievers must be eliminated from our party. And I am certain that the Democratic party in Marion county can not emerge from a hard-fought primary with any wounds to heal.

"So, therefore, while I am certain that my nomination is assured, I believe at this time I will decline the many demands of my friends, and withdraw from the mayoralty campaign."

"I also want to assure the 27,000 Democrats who signed pledge cards that I am more than grateful for their nomination and devoted in my behalf. And also those that have helped me in past campaigns. On behalf and in the interest of all of these supporters I shall continue to give my unlimited efforts."

"In reaching this decision, let it be understood that I am impelled by no personal motive, desire or influence."

SPRING'S HERE, BUT COLD WAVE IS NEAR

Winter Preparing One Last Fling, Is Report of Weather Man.

Winter officially turned over his throne today to spring, but the hoary old veteran was reported by weather forecasters to be preparing one last fling in the form of a cold wave tonight and tomorrow.

Typical balmy spring weather greeted the city this morning, the mercury reading 56 degrees at 9 a. m. By tomorrow morning, however, the mercury is expected to hover about the freezing point, and to be considerably below freezing by tomorrow night.

Today's temperature of 52 at 7 a. m. was 23 degrees higher than the same time yesterday and 13 degrees higher than normal, according to J. H. Armstrong, local meteorologist. There is a slight possibility of rain or snow tonight or tomorrow, he said.

Both the Madison and Midwest companies are chartered by the legislature and need not come under the jurisdiction of the state insurance department unless they so desire.

These charters were issued in 1832 and 1849 and give the companies unlimited life and powers. They have been bandied about through-

out the years and at times the companies have been dormant.

Other chartered companies are the Indiana Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Union Insurance Company and the Farmers and Traders Insurance Company.

Both the Madison and Midwest were revived by V. A. Murrelle, Jeffersonville.

When the old line companies hesitated about writing beer bonds, Mr. Murrelle, through Mr. Cravens, got in on the ground floor.

The "steering" practice was stopped after an expose in The Times.

Clinton H. Givan is receiver for the Midwest. He has law offices here with Clarence Wyson, attorney for the company. Mr. Wyson said the suit was "friendly" and was brought in Putnam circuit court at Newcastle.

Mr. McClain stated that his examiners were working on the company books when the suit was instituted. The examination was in-sulted when the California company claimed that the company was not paying claims there.

Under the charter, the insurance commissioner can not go into company affairs, unless jurisdiction is granted by the company itself.

ROOSEVELT, AUTO MAGNATES CONFER ON UNION DISPUTE

President to Hear Manufacturers' Side of Argument in Move to Avert Serious Threat of Strike.

LABOR PARLEY SET FOR TOMORROW

Leaders of Industry Call at White House; Chief Executive Denies He Has Specific Plan to Present.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—President Roosevelt will meet automobile manufacturers this afternoon in an effort to avert the threatened strike in the industry.

The President plans to see labor's representatives tomorrow.

Th White House explained there is no intention at the present time of bringing both factions together in a joint session as had been predicted in administrative quarters.

The automobile manufacturers group which was to confer with President Roosevelt at 2 p. m., included:

Alvan Macauley, president National Automobile Chamber of Commerce and Packard Motor Car Company; Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president General Motors Corporation; Walter P. Chrysler, president Chrysler Motor Company; Roy D. Chapin, president Hudson Motor Car Company; C. W. Nash, president Nash Motor Company; Donaldson Brown, vice-president General Motors; Nichols Kelly, Chrysler Motor Company; John Thomas Smith, vice-president and legal counsel General Motors.

The spokesmen for the automobile manufacturers said a statement would be made in their behalf following the White House conference.

Mr. Roosevelt made clear that he would ask the manufacturers to re-visit him in Washington until after he had completed his negotiations with the employees.

The President discussed the automotive strike situation with Senator James Couzens (Rep., Mich.), as his first business of the day. Mr. Roosevelt said their conversations dealt mainly with details of section 7A of the recovery act, which guarantees labor's right to collective bargaining.

President to Listen

The President explained that in his meetings with capital and labor he felt the first thing to do was to listen. He said at present he had no specific plan to present. Senator Couzens, however, had indicated to newsmen that the chief executive had a definite proposition to place before both sides.

The President received a telegram from William Collins, representative of the American Federation of Labor in Detroit, apprising him of the action of union representatives in postponing their strike until both sides could be heard at the White House.

Mr. Collins' telegram expressed sympathy with the President's efforts at mediation and peace and praised his leadership.

LABOR DELEGATE NAMED

Mr. Collins added that labor was prepared to place its case before the President, confident that the right of free choice of union representatives would be upheld.

Mr. Roosevelt replied, thanking the union chieftain for his expression and added that he would be glad to see the union representatives in Washington tomorrow.

The labor delegation will comprise William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Mr. Collins; John Bailey and Arthur Greer, local Michigan union leaders.

Unions Pick Eastman

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Bowling to the request of President Roosevelt, railroad labor unions today agreed to accept the proposal of assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in settling their disputes with the carriers.

Their stand was made known in a letter to President Roosevelt from A. F. Whitney, chairman of the Railway Labor Executive Association.

They did, however, decline to enter into further discussions at this time with the carriers' representatives.

SEEK CODE-SPEAKING VISITOR TO DILLINGER

No Record of Call on Sheriff's Books, Lutz, States.

State investigators today are searching for a "mysterious stranger" who visited John Dillinger in Lake county jail and talked, as did a girl who was admitted, in numbers.

No record of the stranger's visit appears on the books kept by Sheriff Lillian Holley, it was stated today by Attorney General Philip Lutz, Jr., whose office is in charge of the jail break investigation for Governor Paul V. McNutt.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this unregistered stranger who used a code system by speaking in numbers, aided in the jail delivery of Dillinger," Mr. Lutz declared.

Tunney Now a Shipbuilder

NEW YORK, March 21.—Gene Tunney, former heavyweight boxing champion, today was elected to the board of directors of the New York Shipbuilding Corporation.

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It's Spring—Political Bees Are Buzzing, Candidates Sprouting

BY WILLIAM H. M'GAUGHEY
Times Staff Writer

THE reporter looked somewhat blankly at the wall and wondered at this strange lassitude that seemed to penetrate his inmost being.

His roving gaze encountered the date—March 21—on the calendar, but it conveyed little intelligence to him at first. Finally, the significance dawned on him—it was the first day of spring. At least, the weather man and the calendar insisted it was.

Let's see," said the reporter, catechising himself. "What would be signs of spring? Probably

something like trees in bloom, the merry old robin searching for the ever elusive worm, bees buzzing, flowers flowering and things like that."

The reporter decided he'd write a feature story about the first day of spring, so he went on an exploration trip that didn't yield any "bees buzzing" or "trees blooming" and the only "flowers flowering" were behind plate glass in florists' shops.

Brightening, the reporter be-thought himself of Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, who is considered fair game for questions like "Have you seen any signs of spring?"

The mayor's secretary was absorbed in studying some very important looking documents when the reporter asked him "What is a sign of spring?"

The mayor's secretary looked highly annoyed and departed from his usual amiability long enough to answer:

"Only guys like you who bounce in with a lot of vim and vigor and bother a guy who is very busy, and besides, who doesn't feel any too good."

THE reporter looked slightly abashed but decided he'd better query the mayor.

"Have you noticed any signs of

spring?" he asked quickly, as the mayor looked askance.

"You know," he added, "things like bees buzzing and things growing."

"Well, political bees are buzzing in a lot of bonnets and the crop of candidates is growing for every office," retorted the mayor.

"Oh, no," cut in the reporter. "I mean have you seen anything sprouting and things all green, like it's supposed to be in spring-time?"

"Certainly, that's what I start to say," insisted the mayor somewhat irritably. "Now that it's spring, many a fellow is sprouting political wings and—

"I don't mean candidates," the reporter tried to say, but the mayor was too good on the follow through.

"And the grass is not the only thing that's green—look at some of the candidates," the mayor concluded, emphatically.

THE reporter decided he wasn't getting any place with the mayor, so he left and bumped into Police Chief Mike Morrissey.

"Chief," he said, "I'm looking for bees buzzing and flowers flowering—"

"And you'll be 'pushing up daisies,' if you don't watch where you're going," said the chief, also somewhat irascibly. He just had

been accused of having Ernest Blunk, the Lake county deputy, locked up in his safety deposit box.

"But have you seen any sign of spring?" insisted the reporter.

"Sure," said the chief sarcastically, "the whole force took one look at the calendar and right away changed from red flannels to bed-sheets."

Sadly, the reporter gave up the idea of other queries.

Suddenly, it dawned on him that the only sign of spring he'd encountered was that strange lassitude that pervaded him when he glanced at the calendar.

He had spring fever!