

DECEMBER GRAND JURY HOLDS 13

12 TRUE BILLS RETURNED

Fourteen Cases Presented by States-Attorney A. V. Smith; Jury in Session But Five Hours

Twelve true bills, naming 13 defendants, were returned last week in the court of Circuit Judge Claire C. Edwards by the December grand jury. Fourteen cases were presented by State's Attorney A. V. Smith and Assistant State's Attorney Sidney H. Block, two no bills being voted.

The grand jury was in actual session but five hours. The length of time was the shortest and the number of indictments voted the fewest returned by a December grand jury in several years. Fred Converse of Ivanhoe was foreman of the jury and Justice of the Peace Harold J. Tallett of North Chicago, secretary.

Jail Conditions O. K.
The grand jury made a thorough inspection of the county jail and reported to the court that they had found that Sheriff Lawrence A. Doolittle was taking proper care of the prisoners and that no violations of jail laws were found.

Besides burglary and kidnaping, indictments were voted on charges of arson and burning with intent to defraud, larceny, rape, attempted rape, robbery, and larceny.

Clarence Joseph Gleason, 25 years old, of 2633 Warren avenue, Chicago, now under \$70,000 bonds in connection with the Chicago stick-ups, is charged with being the leader of the bandit gang which kidnaped Ralph Ross, North Shore ticket agent at Waukegan, on the morning of November 12, and robbed the safe of \$681.32, after forcing their captive to give the safe combination.

Other defendants in true bills follow:
Thomas King, Elmer Brown and Jack Briggs, burglary. They are alleged to have broken into the home of Fred W. Shephard in Highland Park on November 19 and attempted to rob the place. It is charged they had packed up loot and were then frightened away. They are in the county jail.

Arson Charged
Charles X. Marshall of Libertyville, arson and burning with intent to defraud. He is alleged to have set fire to his home. Deputy State Fire Marshal Paul E. Bertram says that the house was appraised at \$800 and the contents at \$200, while Marshall carried \$1,500 on the house and \$500 on the contents. Bertram says that a few days before the fire, Marshall moved most of his best furniture from the house into the chicken coop.

Clarence Herr, 17 years old, a sailor at the Great Lakes naval training station, larceny. He is alleged to have stolen a machine worth \$1,725 belonging to James Davis of the Hein store on November 29. He was arrested in Winnetka.

David R. Ackerman, 35 years old, fake artist and confessed moron, rape. He is alleged to have lured Mrs. Margaret Smith, pretty Chicago model, to a lonely woods near Lake Forest on June 4 and attacked her. Ackerman is charged with having first bound her hands and feet in preparation for an "Indian pose."

Harold Strehlow, 21 years old, of Zion, attempted rape. He is alleged to have attempted to attack Shirley Briscoe, 6 year old daughter of Glen G. Briscoe of Highland Park, on October 7.

Harry Brown and Barney Krause, Waukegan, arson and burning with intent to defraud. They are alleged to have set fire to their shoe store in South Genesee street on April 7. The building at that time was owned by Krause while they were partners in the shoe business.

Fire Chief Sars O'Farrell found three empty gasoline cans in the building following the fire and the odor of oil was strong in the place, it is charged. Deputy State Fire Marshal Bertram charges that the building was "touched off" in two spots.

Peter Alagna and Dominick Serratore, robbery and larceny. They are alleged to have robbed Urvin Hyde, Shell filling station attendant. Of \$61.46 on September 22.

The two cases investigated in which no bills were returned follow:

Harold Nuttall, Waukegan, charged with operating a confidence game. The Waukegan National bank was the complainant in this matter.

Arthur Prevost, 23 years old, attempted rape. He was charged with having attempted to make an attack on Aurelia Karvinen, a nursemaid in Highland Park.

The case against Robert E. Erpham of Zion, who was held to the grand jury several weeks ago on a charge of embezzlement was not presented to the grand jury. He was charged at the time with embezzling \$100 from Olan Therrien of the Therrien Insurance Agency.

Plead Not Guilty
Later in the week, six of the men indicted by the December grand jury pleaded not guilty before Circuit Judge C. C. Edwards. Three appeared but entered no pleas and three were arraigned later.

Thomas King, Elmer Brown and Jack Briggs, charged with burglarizing a Highland Park home, pleaded not guilty and were given time to get attorneys.

David Ackerman, North Chicago, accused of attacking Margaret Smith, pleaded not guilty through his attorney, Albert Hall.

NORTHWESTERN FACES HEAVY FOOTBALL YEAR

Loss of Nine Lettermen and the Toughest Schedule in Its History Ahead

Evanston, Ill., Dec. 15—Facing the toughest schedule in its history coupled with the loss of nine lettermen through graduation, Northwestern university's football team seems to have a big job ahead for the year 1929.

Among the outstanding games on the card are Illinois, Minnesota and Notre Dame, all home games. Ohio, and Wisconsin constitute the games away from home. Indiana is also on the home schedule. Two open dates remain and will probably be filled by two smaller middle-western schools.

Four of the five conference teams which face the Purple next fall finished one, two, three and five in the Big Ten standing this season. Such a situation points out the difficult task facing Coach Hanley and his team.

Resumption of the popular Notre Dame series of games provides another tough opponent for the Wildcats. The contest with the Irish will windup the season.

Loss of such stars as Capt. Wait Holmer, fullback and "Yatz" Levison, quarterback, John Hazen and Harry Kent, tackles, Justin Dart, guard, and Tom Verdelle, end, will cause the coaches considerable work in their efforts to develop successors.

Rich in Water

"I've seven more wells than I need," With a chuckle remarked Farmer Read;

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—Farm and Fireside.

Boyhood's Big Goal

It may be a bit far fetched for parents to raise every boy with the presidency in view but it is better to suggest the improbable to our children than to speak to them in a disparaging and discouraging way about their future prospects.—The American Magazine.

Human Cash

The nature of the farming business writes women and children irrevocably into the cash assets column.—Farm and Fireside.

COUNTY POPULATION 110,000 Next Year

Chicago Regional Planning Commission Prognosticates for Ensuing Year

Lake county will have a population of 110,000 next year, according to the estimate of growth of this county and others in the Chicago area by the Chicago Regional Planning commission which was announced recently. This county had a population of 74,285 in 1920.

The growth of Lake county will be greater than that of all other counties in the area with the exception of Cook and Dupage counties. The estimated increase of 35,715 of Lake county is almost on a par with that accredited to Dupage county, although Dupage will have a population of but 85,000 in 1929, according to the forecast.

McHenry county with a population of 33,164 in 1920 is expected to have a population of 35,900 in 1929 while Kenosha county which had a population of 51,284 in 1920 will have 68,000 persons next year, the forecast states.

Cook county will have a population of 3,850,000 and the Chicago region, composed of fifteen counties which center about the city, 4,930,000 at that date, the same authority asserts.

The figures indicate that Chicago is growing somewhat faster than the association's own estimates of 60,000 a year and the entire Chicago region at a rate of 120,000 annually.

The association's forecast, according to Robert Kingery, secretary, is based on statistics compiled by the Commonwealth club in collaboration with the local community research community research committee of the University of Chicago, public utilities companies and municipalities.

By the time the World's Fair centennial celebration is held in 1933 Chicago will boast a population of 3,500,000 and the Chicago region of 5,410,000 at the present rate of growth.

Slavery, 1928

The peasant is the man who by work horse outlook on life holds himself and family enslaved, thinks a writer on peasantry in Farm and Fireside.

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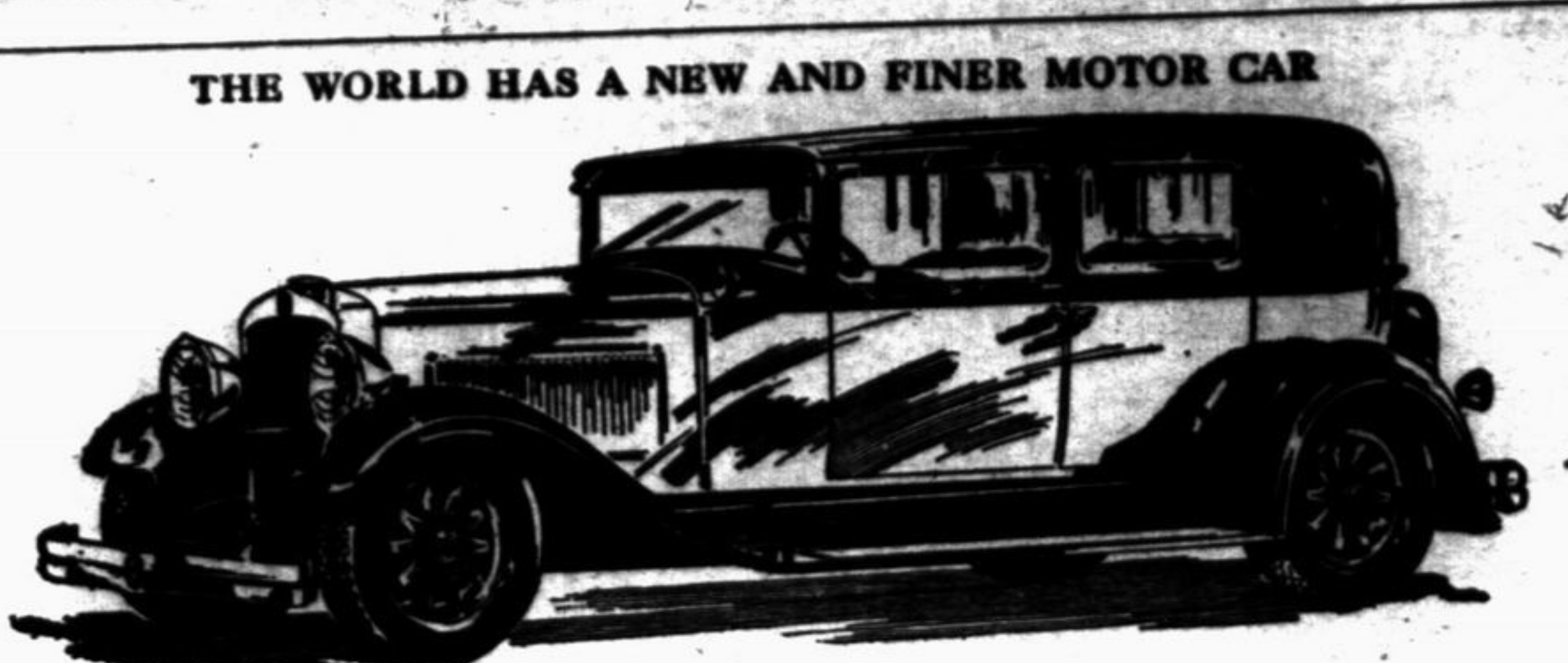


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