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GERALD CHAPMAN TRIES TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Man on Trial for His Life Testifies in Cool and Collected Manner.

AN ABSOLUTE DENIAL

Tells Court He Was Not in Store Where Man Was Killed—May Have Hidden Securities.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HARTFORD, Conn., April 2.—For more than an hour today Gerald Chapman, mail looter, who made a sensational escape from Atlanta prison, was a spectacular witness in his trial for the murder of James Skelly, a policeman, during the robbery of a New Britain store last October. Shortly after Chapman's testimony both sides rested and a recess was taken with arguments to follow this afternoon.

Each side was allotted two hours and a half for summation. The case was expected to go to the jury after the prosecution closed tomorrow morning.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HARTFORD, Conn., Apr. 2.—Gerald Chapman this morning took the stand in his own defense on a charge of having murdered Patrolman James Skelly in New Britain last October 12.

Chapman, cool and collected, speaking in clear tones denied he had been in the Davidson and Lewenthal store in New Britain at any time. It was in this store that Skelly was murdered.

His direct examination was brief. Under questioning of Frederick J. Groehl, he told of the Skelly murder through the agency of "Dutch" Anderson, his part of the New York mail robbery.

Under cross-examination he refused to be rushed into answers at the hands of State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn.

Alcorn went into the prisoners past life over the objections of Groehl, which Judge Jennings overruled.

Coolly and candidly he discussed his spectacular criminal record, under Alcorn's urgings. He admitted four previous criminal convictions and discussed them dispassionately.

When Alcorn asked the unflinching witness if he had a gun when he held up the mail truck in New York in 1921, he said he had not.

"Anderson had, but I had not," he said.

Alcorn disagreed with Chapman's version of the mail robbery and the witness, looking straight into the prosecutor's eyes said:

"I don't want to argue this matter with you. I don't wish to go into the case at all. It has nothing to do with this charge of murder."

He had fired a shot at a Muncie policeman at the time of his arrest, because he thought him a holdup man," he said.

"He said nothing before he poked his gun under my heart," he added, stating he "was an unprepossessing fellow at best." So he acted on the impulse, he said, thinking the policeman a highwayman and he fired to save \$4,700 he had.

The nitro-glycerine found in his effects, he said, had been bought by him and Anderson at Shean's repeated urgings. "It was for him and his gang," he said.

"We got it in the Pennsylvania oil fields."

The case so much discussed in the case was owned by Anderson and himself, Chapman said. The Saturday afternoon before the murder, October 11, he spent in Holyoke, he testified. He went by train, he said, leaving his car in Shean's possession.

"I cannot tell you where I was all the time," he told Alcorn when the latter asked him concerning his whereabouts on certain dates. "You must remember, I was a fugitive from justice and was jumping around from state to state."

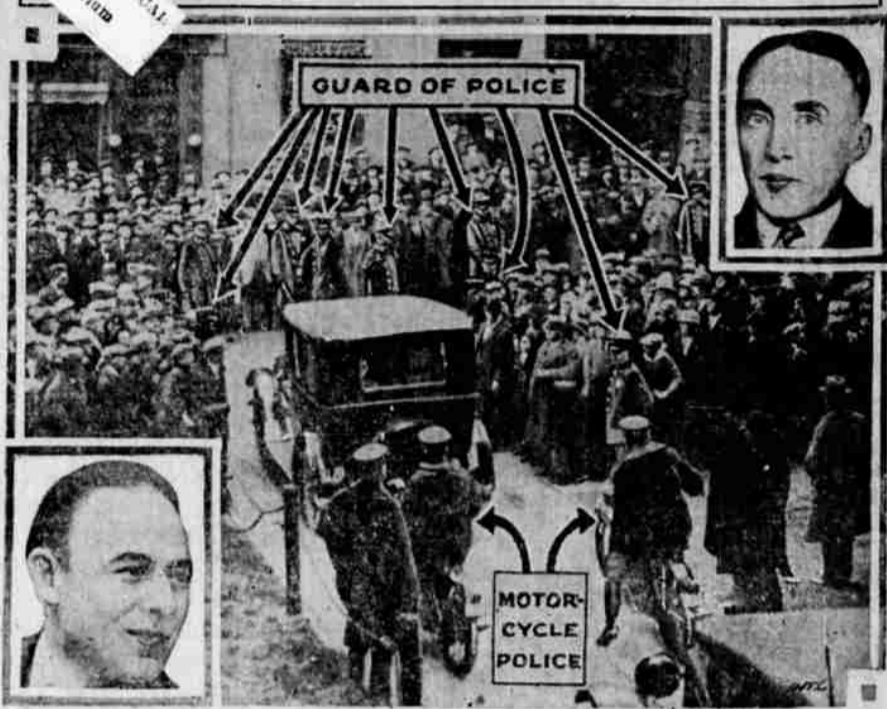
Chapman spoke in a musing tone and had to be warned on occasions to raise his voice, that the jury might hear. He was quiet and self possessed and sat slumped down in the witness chair. The witness suggested a young man engaged in a pleasant discussion of current topics.

Concerning the South Hadley, Mass., house, frequently mentioned during the trial Chapman said: "Shean bought it for us for a bootlegging center. It was an excellent place for just that."

Chapman denied that he had been his "bosky" Dutch Anderson to escape from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta or that Anderson had assisted him. Anderson

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Police Cordon Guards Chapman in Murder Trial



HOW CHAPMAN IS GUARDED. (Inset) Above: GERALD CHAPMAN. (Inset) W. E. SHEAN

A squadron of police, unequalled in the annals of court history, guarded every move of Gerald Chapman, notorious bandit, during his Hartford, Conn., trial for the murder of Policeman James Skelly, of New Britain, Conn. Walter E. Shean, son of a well-to-do family, will be the State's chief witness. He is said to have confessed that he and Chapman plotted the robbery of the New Britain store where Skelly met his death when he surprised two gunmen at work. A specially posed portrait of the so-called "master bandit" is shown above.

ASSASSINATION OF GEN. ACOSTA RESULT OF FEUD

General Maciel Suicides After Confession—Were Former Companions.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES

Challenged to Duel But Refused to Meet and General Maciel Was Declared Dishonored.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 2.—The assassination of General Abelardo Acosta Thursday night by General Acosta Maciel and the latter's suicide after confessing his crime to the police are declared by the authorities to be the outcome of a long standing feud.

The two men were close friends in their youth, while students at the military academy and the partying is said to come through an attempt by Maciel to enlist Acosta's aid in procuring a divorce.

Demsey Laughs at Claim of Gibbons to Champ Title and Says Fight With Tunney Farce

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Apr. 2.—Climbing by the Polo Grounds Athletic club of a light-heavyweight match between Gene Tunney and Tom Gibbons, effected yesterday will bring together on June 12 in an open air battle at catchweights two men who have attained pugilistic distinction along much the same lines.

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Gibbons is the older and more experienced of the two fighters and earned a parallel distinction two years ago by going the 15-round limit with Jack Demsey. Gibbons is now 28 years old and has fought 27 ring battles, scoring 42 knockouts, winning nine by decision, drawing in one, losing three and appearing in 42 no-decision encounters. One of his matches was declared a contest.

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aid in procuring a divorce. Maciel's wife took her own life upon learning of her husband's intentions.

Later General Obregon, as president appointed Maciel third chief of the war department and he is said to have used his influence against Acosta that the latter wrote to his enemy an insulting letter the consequence of which he was tried by court martial for insubordination.

Acosta's statements also brought him a duel challenge from Maciel, but this he rejected, declaring Maciel had dishonored himself by his proposition as to the divorce.

Recently the newspaper took up the case, printing some of the letters exchanged by the two officers and this brought about Maciel's dismissal as head of the artillery department.

The climax was reached Tuesday night as Acosta was entering the war department. Maciel, accompanied by other officers, alighted from an automobile and shot his enemy from behind. Two street vendors were wounded by stray bullets and one is reported to have died.

Maciel, fleeing from the scene, spent the night at the home of a friend, after reading the report of the crime in the morning papers and confessed. Later in the day his body was found in Escena Park a bullet hole in the right temple.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

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SIX TRAINS TO CARRY TROOPS SUMMER CAMP

Medford Will Be Thronged With National Guard Boys in June.

CAMP SITE IS CHOSEN

Work on Laying Out Training Camp Will Be Started Shortly—2500 Men to Take Trip.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., April 2.—Six special passenger trains will be required to carry national guard troops to Medford in June, according to train schedules for the movement issued today by Brigadier-General George A. White, commander of the reinforced brigade, which is to have its field training in Southern Oregon beginning June 12.

Troops from Eastern Oregon and the West coast will leave home during June 11, and will converge in Portland and points south where they will board the six special train trains that are to land the entire command at Medford during the morning of June 12. Twenty-five hundred men are affected by this movement, all belonging to the eighty-second infantry and attached units. The units of the command are the 162nd and 185th Infantry regiments comprising the eighty-second brigade with the attached units consisting of battery A, 148th field artillery, company of the 116th combat engineers and hospital company 167.

Cities contributing troops to the Southern Oregon movement are Baker, La Grande, The Dalles, Gresham, Portland, St. Helens, Astoria, Forest Grove, Tillamook, McMinnville, Salem, Corvallis, Dallas, Woodburn, Silverton, Lebanon, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford. Announcement of the training point for other troops will be made in the near future. It was said, although the coast artillery will probably train at Fort Barry, because of construction work at Fort Stevens, which will probably be undertaken too late to make that place available for this year's training.

Arrangements of the Southern Oregon camp have been practically completed, and the actual construction work on the camp site will be commenced in a short time. Laying out of a field artillery firing range, requiring a five mile field of fire will be undertaken next week in the vicinity of Medford.

Funds for all phases of the training movement and program have been set aside by the United States government.

DENY SHEPHERD FREEDOM FROM JAIL ON BAIL

Chief Justice Hopkins Makes Ruling and Sets His Arraignment.

MAY APPEAL CASE

Judge Says Question of Mans Guilt or Innocence Not to Be Decided by Him.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, April 2.—William D. Shepherd, charged with murder today a second time, was denied freedom on bail by Chief Justice Jacob Hopkins in the criminal court.

The judge set Shepherd's formal arraignment for a week from today after defense attorney's had indicated their proposed intention to appeal to the state supreme court upon the question of the bail.

Judge Hopkins after considering the six affidavits filed yesterday by the defense refused to reconsider his previous decision denying Shepherd admittance to bail.

The question of Shepherd's guilt or innocence of the charge in the indictment that he murdered William N. McClintock, his foster son, by typhoid inoculation to gain his million dollar estate, was not up for decision, the judge said, and he would not be forced into any expression of opinion as to such guilt of inoculation. The affidavits, the courts held, did not warrant re-opening the bail question.

"The affidavits support in the main to attack the character and credibility of the state witnesses and that is a matter for a jury," said Judge Hopkins. States Attorney Crowe asked that Shepherd be immediately arraigned, so that an early trial date could be set but William Scott Stewart, Shepherd's attorney, said he wanted time to decide whether to appeal to the supreme court on the bail question. The court then set arraignment for April 9, and said it could be continued if necessary in case an appeal was decided on.

The defense affidavit principally attacked the character and testimony of C. C. Falman, head of a school of science who confessed and was indicted with Shepherd, that he had supplied Shepherd with live typhoid cultures obtained from the city health department, and instructed Shepherd how to administer the germs.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Counsel for William D. Shepherd, served notice on the states attorney today that they would tomorrow apply for bail for Shepherd, who is charged with the murder of his foster-son, William N. McClintock, before Circuit Judge W. V. Brothers. Judge Jacob Hopkins twice has refused bail.

GETS INFIELDER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 2.—President Turner of the Portland club of the Pacific coast baseball league today closed a deal whereby the club will get Dee Walsh, infielder, in exchange for Pitcher Ted Pilleto and cash, says a dispatch from San Jose, Cal. Walsh has been utility infielder with San Francisco for a number of years, but was sold last winter to the Lincoln western league club.

MAY LIFT QUARANTINE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 2.—Whether the Oregon quarantine against livestock shipments from California still existing since it was imposed a year ago because of the prevalence of foot and mouth disease in California shall now be lifted will be discussed at a meeting of the state livestock sanitary board in the offices of Governor Pierce tomorrow.

R. N. Wilson, representing Governor Richardson of California, conferred today with Governor Lytle and T. A. Park, president of the state board of horticulture, and requested that the ban be lifted. He said there had been no appearance of the disease among domestic animals since October 9 last, that it is practically eliminated among deer and that all other states have lifted their quarantines.

ABOUT A WEEK ago the state livestock sanitary board of Oregon adopted a resolution asking the governor not to lift the quarantine.

Will Bare Soul



JOSEPH ELLINGSON

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Joseph Ellingson, huge Viking father of Dorothy Ellingson, sixteen year old Tiger Girl, of San Francisco, was prepared, according to dispatches from the Golden Gate, to go on the witness stand at her trial and tell of his hard-drinking days, in an effort to show pre-natal influences on his daughter, who killed her mother when reproved for her tax life.

OFFICERS FIND GERALDINE HAD HOOTCH SUPPLY

Private Car Raided by Police and Excellent Supply of Booze Is Found.

MAKE NO ARRESTS

Not Known Whether Geraldine Farrar Will Be Prosecuted—Stays in Drawing Room.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

RUUSE'S POINT, N. Y., Apr. 2.—The matter of prosecution of Geraldine Farrar, noted singer as the result of the seizure of liquor in her private car was in abeyance today pending a report from customs agents here to the collector of the Port of Ogdensburg.

The singer's private car, the New York, was boarded by four deputy collectors after it had crossed the border enroute from Montreal to Rutland, Vermont, where Miss Farrar was to appear in concert.

Four deputies said they found about forty bottles of champagne, whiskey and beer concealed in the car. Miss Farrar was in bed in her stateroom and was not disturbed. She did not appear during the search.

The singer and her party were allowed to proceed to Rutland without furnishing bond.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Apr. 2.—Whether Geraldine Farrar will be prosecuted as a result of the seizure of liquor in her private car yesterday at Rouses Point will depend upon the circumstances. It was stated at the offices of the collector of the port here today. Rouses Point comes within the jurisdiction of Ogdensburg collector.

The collector is awaiting reports from his deputies. It was pointed out however, that in cases of persons attempting to bring small stock of liquor into the country in their baggage the usual procedure is to confiscate with no prosecution unless the owner of the liquor refuses to surrender it.

RUTLAND, Vt., Apr. 2.—Members of Geraldine Farrar's party on concert tour today said that it was near-beer and not champagne that customs agents had seized when they searched her private car at Rouses Point, N. Y., yesterday.

Miss Farrar refused to comment on reports that forty bottles of wine and a quantity of real beer had been found in her car after it crossed the border on the way from Montreal to this city.

Her manager denied that any liquor had been found in her car and said it would be absurd to smuggle champagne into the United States when liquor was so easily obtainable here.

FATHER OF DOROTHY ELLINGSON GIVES TESTIMONY AT TRIAL TODAY BRANDING HIS DAUGHTER INSANE

Attorneys for Defense Also Introduce Circumstantial Evidence Tending to Show that Accused Girl Is Guilty of Crime—Maintains Her Composure in Trial Today.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 2.—By the strange twist the murder trial of Dorothy Ellingson, 17 year old slayer of her mother, has taken developing into a determination of present sanity, her own attorneys introduced evidence today to establish by circumstantial evidence she killed her mother, as charged.

When the defense started this line of testimony the prosecution questioned it relevancy.

"Are you prepared to admit," asked Assistant District Attorney Harmon D. Skillin, "that this defendant actually killed her mother?" "We are stipulating nothing," responded Sylvester J. McAtee of defense counsel, "but we do intend to prove that, as part of the evidence of her insanity. No one saw the defendant kill Anna Ellingson. But we will bring it out by a chain of circumstances."

The girl, nervous and agitated, sat through the testimony of her father, Joseph Ellingson, without a recurrence of the fainting spells that have interrupted other sessions of her trial. A matron sat beside her, occasionally proffering smelling salts, and the girl whispered comments on the testimony, some times an indignant "no." Smiling she left the courtroom with the matron.

Her father said he believed her insane. He gave this opinion after outlining a history of her delinquencies and her conduct as her arrest.

In cross-examining him, Mr. Skillin brought out that the girl had told her father "she d.d.n't like Alexander Mooslin," her chief counsel. The defense went into its theory that prenatal influences disposed Dorothy toward insanity. Under questioning Joseph Ellingson said: "About three months before Dorothy was born her mother came into the bedroom where I was sleeping and tried to choke me. I overpowered her with difficulty, after which she fell to the floor in a faint." The father began a recital of his delinquencies as a child. The first serious breach in her conduct, he said, came at the age of 12 when she and another girl were picked up by a sailor and soldier, and stayed away all night.

He said she played truant from school frequently and finally was detained in a juvenile home for a time.

"Did you ever talk to your daughter regarding her late hours?" "I did," said the witness. He explained that he warned her that she should consider her future, that a girl of her years should not go with older persons of doubtful character.

An her father exposed her life, the girl continued to twist her handkerchief. He was asked "did you and your wife ever attend church?" "Not since our marriage."

"Did Dorothy ever attend Sunday school?" "Once in a while, when she was little."

Ellingson said that when she was a babe he had used alcohol "pretty heavily." He detailed the girl's childish rages. She was not obedient, he added.

Further questions elicited from him what she did not think abnormal, virtually every time he visited her in the jail. She refused to answer question, he said, and "didn't appear to know what it was all about."

He added that she did not thank him for gifts he brought her. Assistant District Attorney Harmon D. Skillin read an extract from testimony at the coroner's inquest quoting Ellingson as saying he "never had noticed anything wrong with her mind."

The girl whispered to the matron indignant comments on the testimony.

Jazz Girl on Trial for Murder



DOROTHY ELLINGSON IN COURT. (Inset) JUDGE HAROLD LOUDERBACK.

The San Francisco trial of Dorothy Ellingson, sixteen-year-old jazz-mad slayer of her mother, had to be postponed for hours because the defendant, her stoic bravado gone, collapsed twice during the early proceedings. The girl is shown facing the jury in the court room. Judge Harold Louderback, of San Francisco, presided at the trial.