

Chicago Is Not Worrying As Capone's Release Nears

Believe Former Gang Czar Will Be Unable to Reassert His Former Domination

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Chicago (U.P.)—Al (Scarface) Capone will be neither physically nor mentally capable of taking over his old leadership as Chicago's No. 1 gangster and probably will retire into seclusion after serving the last of his sentence as an income tax evader.

That, in brief, is the opinion of the Chicago crime commission, which helped send Capone to federal prison and which more than 15 years ago began keeping a record of the activities of the then rising mobster.

The commission's complete dossier on Capone today would weigh more than a ton.

Col. Henry Barrett Chamberlain, who for more than 20 years has been the commission's operating director, outlined what the commission believes is Capone's future.

"We know," he said, "that Capone is a sick man at Alcatraz prison. He reportedly suffers from paresis, although he is said to be responding to treatment."

Lieutenants Are Gone
"We believe that even if he wished to resume control of his old gang, his health would not permit it. His old lieutenants either are dead or have branched into their own pursuits. They may be friendly, but we don't believe they'll ever again function as a whole."

Chamberlain called in Frederick Pretzie, Jr., veteran investigator who went to school with many of the men later destined to become Chicago's top-flight gang leaders.

Pretzie said he believed plans already were going forward for Capone's retreat.

The retreat, Pretzie believes, will be on a farm near Hobart, Ind., recently purchased by Michael (Dago Mike) Carrozzo, former Capone henchman and now czar of the street laborers' council. A reported \$400,000, much of it in spot cash, is being spent to modernize and beautify the many acres which Carrozzo purchased.

"We believe it is for Capone," Pretzie said.

Chamberlain said the commission had no intention of fighting the government's intention to have Capone serve the last year of his prison term in the Cook county (Chicago) jail.

Commission Isn't Worrying
"Capone won't get out of Alcatraz until early next year and they can do with him whatever they please as far as we are concerned," Cham-

berlain said. "His influence is gone although some of his friends still are loyal. He seems well supplied with money but we don't worry about that either."

Capone, even then bearing the scar that gave him his nickname, came to Chicago from Brooklyn, where he had been a barkeeper in a Coney Island resort and a hanger-on of the Five Points gang. Here he became a lieutenant of Johnnie Torrio and "Big Jim" Colosimo.

When Colosimo fell the victim of Chicago's first bootleg murder and was "rubbed out" on the floor of his own restaurant, Capone moved up. Later he turned on Torrio and forced the latter back to New York.

The Chicago gang wars which were to become famous, started in 1924 when Dion O'Banion, a northside Irishman, began reaching out to control all of the rackets.

Gang War Killed 500
Capone met the challenge, and shortly thereafter O'Banion was killed by a hail of gang bullets fired on him as he stood in his florist shop. Five hundred killings were attributed to the gang war.

By 1929 Capone had wiped out the last of his opposition and was supreme—but only for two years.

On Oct. 24, 1931, Federal Judge James Wilkeson sentenced him to 10 years in Leavenworth prison and fined him \$50,000 for income tax evasion. He began serving sentence at Atlanta on May 2, 1932.

Here is a present-day list of some of the old Capone lieutenants and a few other of the better known mobsters.

Ralph Capone—Beer and gambling in suburban Cicero and Berwyn.

Frank (The Enforcer) Nitti—Kingpin in gambling racket.

Dago Lawrence Mangano—Same as Nitti.

Harry (Greasy Thumb) Gusick—Gambling.

Jack Gusick—Same as brother.

Murray Humphries—Reportedly "broke" and out of the picture.

Frank Rio, another Capone lieutenant died a natural death. Machine Gun Jack McGurn was killed in a bowling alley two and a half years ago.

Edward (Spike) O'Donnell, another gang name, reportedly "broke," having recently lost his home.

George (Bugs) Moran is under indictment on a charge of conspiracy to pass approximately \$400,000 in counterfeit travelers' checks.

A RULER OF FRANCE

HORIZONTAL

1 Most famous ruler of France.

8 He was nicknamed "The Corporal."

13 Dyeing apparatus.

14 Scandinavian coin.

16 Water falling from clouds.

17 Assyrian god.

18 Weird.

19 Wayside hotel.

20 Customary.

21 Stoves.

22 Eel.

23 Contrivances for raising nap.

30 Bed slat.

31 Unit of work.

34 Dove's call.

35 Driving command.

36 Choking coil.

38 Knitting stitch.

39 Stop!

40 Harness part.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



10 Strong taste.

11 Row.

12 Half an em.

15 Nickel.

20 He was defeated at —.

21 One who elects.

23 He died in exile at —.

45 Scabies.

27 Sooner than.

28 Chief officer in Turkey.

29 Card game.

31 Largest load.

32 Word.

37 Money boxes.

38 Pithy expression.

42 Starch.

43 Passage.

44 Speculation.

45 Work of skill.

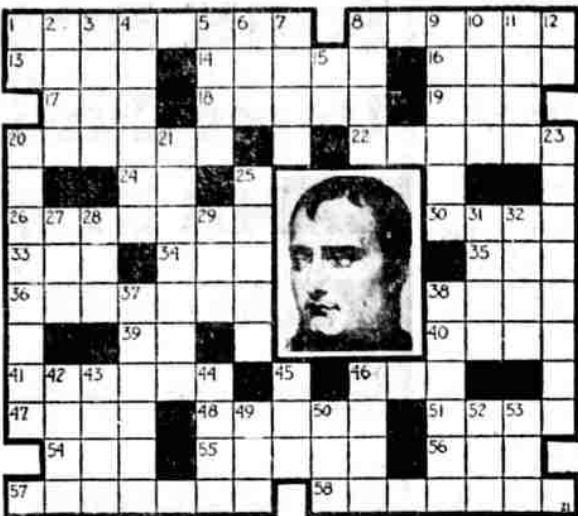
46 Bench.

49 Collection of facts.

50 To look.

52 Neither.

53 One plus one.



GIRL HAS SILK WORM AS PET

Pasadena, Cal. (U.P.)—Miss Bo Ching, Chinese maiden, guards as her one and only exclusive pet, a silkworm named Sally. The idea of such a pet, she says, was suggested by the fact

that her family once cultivated silk worms in China.

At the old Tilly Foster mine in New York state, a mineralogist recently found 55 different kinds of minerals.

ANNE LINDBERGH TELLS OF FLYING

Lost Era Recalled in Her Latest Book

New York (U.P.)—The romance and adventure of aviation pioneering has departed. Gone are those anxious moments of sky-gazing, of feeling the air currents or finding the moon. Man finally has conquered these elements and with this victory has gone the glowing challenge in flying.

It is Anne Morrow Lindbergh, however, who starts that era and writes the classic chapter to the most aviation years in aviation in a book which she has called, with singular appropriateness, "Listen! The Wind" (Harcourt, Brace).

What Mrs. Lindbergh has done in her book is to put the progress of flying in the brief span of years since her husband started the world with his New York to Paris hop, into a language so keen, so perceptive and so understandable as to bring the layman a romance of accomplishment that is without a parallel at least in this century.

Foreword by Lindbergh
As Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, in a foreword to the book, so aptly expresses it:

"Listen! The Wind" is about a period in aviation which is now gone, but which was probably more interesting than any the future will bring. As time passes, the perfection of machinery tends to insulate man from contact with the elements in which he lives. The "stratosphere" planes of the future will cross the ocean without any sense of the water below. Like a train tunneling through a mountain, they will be aloof from both the problems and the beauty of the earth's surface. Wind and heat and moonlight take-offs