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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS
STANDS FIVE CENTS

THOMPSON TO STAND TRIAL

SENTENCE CHAPMAN TO GALLOWS

MAIL BANDIT IS UNMOVED BY VERDICT

Flushed Face Only Sign of
Emotion Shown by Arch
Criminal When Death
Penalty Pronounced.

Hartford, Conn., April 4.—(By Associated Press).—Gerald Chapman, spectacular mail bandit, jail breaker and criminal extraordinary today was sentenced to hang in the Connecticut state prison June 25 in payment for the life of a New Britain patrolman of whose murder last October 12, a jury had convicted him less than an hour before.

Chapman, the stole criminal, whose flaming misdeeds have made him an international figure did not flinch or falter as his doom descended upon him. With his arms folded across his breast and his frail body held stiffly erect, he listened to the judge's sepulchral words spelt out his doom with only a flushed face to mark his emotion.

Frederick J. Groehl, chief defense counsel, previously had announced that he would file an appeal if Chapman was convicted.

The verdict means death on the gallows for the colorful bandit, the man who had the police of a dozen countries searching for him when the state of Connecticut sought him.

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FIGHTING BILL ORDERED OUT OF MARION COUNTY

Fighting Bill Smith of the Silverton country will neither this county no more for five years at least under action by Judge Kelly this morning when he imposed a sentence of five years in the penitentiary, and the non recommendation of the district attorney paroled him under condition that he do not return to the county during the period of his sentence.

Following imposition of the sentence Smith walked over to Attorney John H. McNary and in a stage whisper asked, "Don't you think you could go up to the governor and get me a pardon?"

Smith has once before served a term in the penitentiary and has been in many brands and escapades. The last one involved an assault with a two by four, to which he pleaded guilty suddenly after a jury had been impaneled and everything was all set for trial.

The court allowed Smith 15 days in which to close up his affairs and after that date he must be an ex-convict from the county which has been the scene of his heretic battles. His name Jan became a terror to the citizens of the Silverton community. The district attorney declared that if Smith sets his foot back into the county after the period of his probation is over he will see that he is immediately arrested and his parole revoked.

Albert Arthur Kiefer, charged with unlawful possession of a will, was arraigned in circuit court today and his trial set for April 8. A. K. McMahon, attorney of Albany, represented him today.

DAYTON FARMER SUICIDE

Dayton, Or., April 4.—Jake Bertram, about 55 years of age, and a well known farmer of this community, committed suicide yesterday at his farm west of town. Shortly after 6 o'clock his daughter Helen, 17, went to the barn to call her father to supper and discovered the body hanging in the loft.

About a year ago Mr. Bertram was separated from his wife and had since been despondent.



GERALD CHAPMAN
CHAPMAN'S PAST
IS CLOSED BOOK;
NAME NOT KNOWN

New York, April 4.—Gerald Chapman remains a man of mystery, his real name, his antecedents, his birthplace and his family history unknown.

He has revealed with frankness some details of his career of crime. But much of his life story remains hidden.

He has used many names during his criminal career of 18 years—of which only five have been spent outside prison walls. But Gerald Chapman is not his nor is his name apparently any of the others he has adopted as aliases.

He is said to have been born in New York about 37 years ago of a respectable family, of which he is believed to be the only member who has swerved from proper paths.

It has been said that he has a brother who is a business man of high position and repute. Chapman has verified none of these things. He has protected his family.

Chapman—as it is indicated he will continue to be called—has given evidence of considerable culture, although his education is supposed to have been confined to high school. Much of this is attributed to his reading and study while in prison and also to the influence of George "Dutch" Anderson, college graduate and super-crook who was his fellow prisoner and pal and later his associate in the great \$240,000 mail truck robbery in New York city, one of the "biggest jobs" modern crookdom has known.

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AUTO REGISTRATION WILL REACH 200,000

Automobile registrations so far recorded for 1925 at the office of the secretary of state indicate that the registrations this year will reach 200,000. In 1924 the registrations reached 192,000.

"For the first quarter of the year," said Secretary Koser today, "there have been registered 146,406 passenger cars and 11,612 trucks of more than one ton capacity, or a total of 158,018 for the months of January, February and March. These figures show a gain of 16,369 over the same period in 1924. This gain makes a favorable showing against a total gain of 26,217 registrations for the entire year 1924 over the year 1923."

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OPPONENTS OF HEAD-ON PLAN ACTIVE

Friends of Present Parking System Register Gain of One B Group Balloting.

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PARKING BALLOT

For Head-on
For Present Plan
Name
Address

Opponents of the plan for head-on parking of automobiles in the business district of Salem, as proposed in an ordinance which the city council has before it for final action next Monday evening, were actively campaigning today to change the standing in the balloting on the question being conducted by The Capital Journal.

With 131 votes cast since the count was made at 1 o'clock yesterday, the count today showed the opponents of the head-on plan to have registered a net gain of 1.

This afternoon the count stood: For head-on parking, 142; For present system, 96.

Sixty-six ballots favoring the present system were turned in yesterday afternoon and this morning, practically all of them in bunches by persons campaigning against the change. Taxi drivers and their friends turned in two bunches of votes totaling 22 against the head-on plan, and 15 more votes favoring the present system were turned in by one individual opposed to the change.

Of the single votes mail in, dropped into the ballot box at The Journal office, or collected by three-carriers from subscribers three-fifths have been in favor of the head-on plan.

Representatives of the taxi drivers who called at The Journal office to deliver their ballots, while admitting that the present system results in frequent traffic blockades due to the jockeying of inspect drivers attempting to back into narrow parking spaces, contended that backing out into the traffic would be more dangerous. Their principal objection, however, was that the people here are accustomed to the present system.

They asserted that under the head-on plan the taxi drivers would have to station a man in the street to protect them when they backed away from the curb.

BUCKET BRIGADE SAVES INDIANA TOWN TODAY

St. Maier, Ind., April 4.—A fire which for a time threatened the entire town was brought under control early today when hundreds of citizens formed a bucket brigade and fought the flames. The fire, which began in a business house, spread quickly to residences but the brigade succeeded in keeping the flames under control.

Damage is estimated at about \$75,000.

The town is without fire fighting apparatus.

INJUNCTION TO HALT DODGE SALE REFUSED

Detroit, Mich., April 4.—Judge Harry Dingeman, in the Wayne county circuit court, today refused to grant a temporary injunction sought by attorneys for John Duval Dodge restraining Mrs. Matilda R. Dodge from selling, transferring or encumbering any of the assets of the estate of Anna Margaret Dodge, posthumous daughter of John F. Dodge and half-sister of John Duval Dodge.

WOODBURN MAN BANKRUPT

Portland, Apr. 4.—Voluntary petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday by U. S. G. Quick of Woodburn, listing liabilities as \$4555 and assets as \$4050; H. E. Stanton, Portland plasterer, with debts \$2953 and assets \$210, and Ellen Elvers, Portland nurse, liabilities \$445 and assets \$300.

\$600,000 Linen Mill Will Be Erected If \$300,000 Subscribed

The proposal made by D. M. Sanson, president of the Dominion's Linens, Ltd., of Toronto, for a \$600,000 linen manufacturing plant at Salem, was accepted last night by the committee of investigation appointed by the Salem Chamber of Commerce, which will, at a meeting to be held this afternoon, call a mass-meeting to launch a drive to secure \$300,000 preferred stock subscriptions to the project.

Of the \$600,000 necessary, of which \$110,000 will be operating fund, Salem must subscribe \$300,000. Silvertown has agreed to subscribe \$50,000, Albany a minimum of \$50,000, Mr. Sanson a minimum of \$50,000, leaving \$150,000 to be raised in Portland and elsewhere.

Acceptance of the plan was made after the most complete investigation as to the financial responsibility and reliability of Mr. Sanson and his companies and made contingent upon location of the plant at Salem or in the immediate vicinity. The report of the committee setting forth the plans in detail follows:

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VALLEY MOTOR PURCHASES OLD MORTUARY SITE

Announcement was made today of the sale of property on North High street, formerly occupied by the Rigdon Undertaking company to the Valley Motor company, whose plant adjoins Rigdon's. The old building will be either torn down or carved away, and a modern fireproof building erected, work beginning within 30 days.

Members of the Salem Business and Professional Women's club are considering seriously taking the building and having it moved to a new location further from the business district, having it remodeled into a club house. The new owners have offered it to the women free of charge if they will remove it moved.

The price at which the property sold was \$17,000. Nothing definite has been decided as to the exact nature of the new building, beyond the fact that the Valley Motor company will use part of it. If a tenant can be secured who wants to rent a whole lower floor, the company will use the upper floor. The front of the new building will be constructed to match the building now occupied by the motor company.

STATE APPROVES PROPOSED ROAD

The board of control reported favorably to the county court yesterday on the proposed road improvement from the girls industrial school to the boys training school and as a result the court will go ahead with the improvement as soon as weather conditions permit.

The new road will be about 1 1/2 miles long and will afford a cut-off from one school to the other and is greatly desired by residents in that vicinity. All of the damages were settled and the road arranged for when suddenly the governor backed out on the proposition. All of the board seemed to be a unit on the plan yesterday, however.

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According to Dalrymple a fish ladder would be impossible. The other matter in Waters' letter he denies. He says the trustees, under his administration, have never been allowed to fish outside the prison grounds nor to go fishing dressed in citizens' clothes. He also denies that fish wardens have

GOVERNOR'S PAY ACCOUNT OVERDRAWN

System of Paying Out
Salaries In Advance
Held To Blame For
Defalcations.

A policy of allowing state employees to draw against their salary accounts in the office of the state treasurer on assignments given by them to the treasurer, which has been tolerated to a great or less extent for several years past, is largely responsible for the alleged defalcations of C. W. Thompson, indicted today by the grand jury for larceny of public funds, an inspection of the records in the treasurer's office reveals.

It was through this system of allowing employees to draw their salaries in advance and give assignments to cover the advances that Thompson was able to cover up his alleged manipulation of the state's funds, according to those who have been at work tracing out his mode of manipulation. He is accused of making advances to himself upon assignments, and then destroying the assignments instead of satisfying them when his salary warrant was paid to him.

How general this abuse has been is not definitely known, but the practice of drawing salary advances has been practiced by many state officials. The most aggravated instance is that of Governor Pierce during the treasury administration of Jefferson Myers.

Governor Pierce not only drew his salary for the current month in advance, but in several instances drew into months ahead, the records at the state house reveal.

At the end of last October the governor had drawn \$1270 against his salary of \$625 for that month.

According to the records the governor started drawing in advance.

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OREGON BANKERS MAY HEAR DAWES

Eugene, Or., April 4.—Possibility that Charles G. Dawes, vice-president of the United States, may attend the annual session of the Oregon State Bankers' association at Corvallis June 11-13, was announced here today by Claude L. Rorer, president of the state organization.

Mr. Dawes, according to Mr. Rorer, will be in Oregon at about that time and since he is a member of the National Banking association it is expected that he will be one of the principal speakers at the Corvallis meeting.

SAYS CONVICTS FISH WITHOUT LICENSES; DENIED BY DALRYMPLE

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RETURNED BY GRAND JURY

Former Cashier of State
Treasurer's Office Is
Formally Accused of
Embezzling Funds.

Clarence W. Thompson, former teller in the state treasury under State Treasurer O. P. Hoff and Jefferson Myers, was today indicted by the Marion county grand jury on a charge of larceny of public funds. The specific amount named in the indictment is \$932.36. Thompson is said to have returned to the state \$1031.36, covering the amount which he was accused of diverting and \$100 besides. He is alleged by detectives of a bonding company to have admitted to the diversion of an even \$5000, but the complaint of the state mentioned only the smaller sum contained in the indictment.

During the recent session of the state legislature Thompson was calendar clerk in the house of representatives, and it was at that time that the charge against him was made known.

Other indictments of the grand jury today were:

Albert T. Winkleback, forgery on Dallas City bank.

Ben Foltz, burglary in a store on January 29.

Eddie Running, obtaining property by false pretenses.

The jury brought a not true bill in favor of L. B. Simons, who was accused of obtaining money by false pretenses.

One secret indictment was returned.

PAIR HELD HERE ON GRAVE CHARGE

Max Carter and Bud Harris are both in the city jail and complaining against them have been lodged in justice court charging them with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. A 14 year old girl from Silvertown is said to have been involved in the case. The offense was committed in Salem.

Indications are that several other men are involved in the same case with the same girl. Carter and Harris were arrested by Officers Olson and Hickman on information furnished by Police Matron Myra Shank.

Bert Perry, a third man accused in the same case, was arrested by Officer Hickman this afternoon.

RAINS ARE FORECAST

San Francisco, Cal., April 4.—The weather outlook for the week beginning April 5 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Washington-Oregon—Cloudiness and occasional rains with normal temperature.