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LOYD IS SLAIN

Crime Career Ends

"Pretty Boy" Floyd.

NO. 1 BAD MAN IS SHOT DOWN BY OHIO POSSE

Phantom Reaches End of Trail in Battle Near Lisbon.

HIS PAL CAPTURED

Adam Richetti Expected to Face Trial in K. C. Massacre.

[illegible] Department of Justice announced Floyd died after being shot.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 22.—(Special) [illegible] (Pretty Boy) Floyd, [illegible] Southwest's No. 1 bad man, [illegible]

"Pretty Boy" Floyd.

[illegible] Floyd and [illegible]

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(Special) [illegible]

(Pretty Boy) Floyd, [illegible] Southwest's No. 1 [illegible] man, came to a sudden end on his crime trail here Monday afternoon when he battled posse men until a bullet mortally wounded him. The shooting took place eight miles north-east of Liverpool, O.

The outlaw had been [illegible] a heavy shed near here. Chief of Police John H. Fultz of Wellsville, O., had encountered Floyd and Adam Richetti Saturday. Richetti was captured but Floyd escaped after Chief Fultz had been wounded in the foot. Chief Fultz said he shot Floyd in the abdomen during the pistol fight.

Floyd and Richetti, according to federal charges, were two of the machine gunners who participated in the Kansas City Union station plaza massacre, June 17, 1933, when Frank Nash, convict, and four officers, who were returning Nash to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, were slain in an abortive plot to liberate Nash.

Police, federal agents and citizens participated in the search which was spurred on by a report that Floyd had been seen near Fredericktown, O. But it was just another of those fruitless tips, scores of which have been run down by peace officers throughout the Middle West in the last three years.

Richetti is in Jail.

Richetti was held in the Wellsville jail Monday, awaiting word from federal authorities in Kansas City, where Floyd and Richetti are wanted in connection with the Union station massacre.

Richetti was captured Saturday in a gun battle in which Floyd managed to shoot his way to freedom, commandeer two automobiles in succession and escaped into the wooded sections east of here. It was believed certain Floyd was wounded seriously by a bullet from the gun of John Fultz, chief of police of Wellsville.

Floyd's trail had begun to cool Monday when Dave Ransurer, 22 years old, Negro, rushed into the police station here with the word he had encountered a man he believed to be Floyd on the highway near Fredericktown—only a few miles from the spot near Lisbon, O., where the bandit was last seen.

Ransurer's truck had become overheated and he was trying to

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OHIO POSSES

TRAIL FLOYD;

PAL CAPTURED

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FLOYD BELIEVED TO HAVE ELUDED LAW ONCE MORE

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Saturday.

The sixteen still in—with a chance in the $8,000 handicap section on just out for the ride—included the tiny Baby Ruth, a Lambert monocoupe flown by John R. Wright and John Polando, United States.

In the handicap section but hopelessly behind, they left Athens for the island of Cyprus at 2 o'clock Monday morning, determined to reach Melbourne no matter how long it took.

Covers 9,184 Miles.

Scott and Black were first sighted at Darwin over the Royal Australian air force airdrome at 5 o'clock Monday morning (Kansas City time).

Cramped one behind the other in

locate someone to tow him back to town when a man suddenly appeared over a bank of earth at the side of the road.

Fled into Woods.

"The man asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was looking for someone to haul my truck back to Wellsville," Ransurer said. "The minute I said that word 'Wellsville' the man turned around, ran down the bank and disappeared in the woods."

Ransurer said he did not get close enough to the man to determine whether he was wounded, but officers were certain the man was Floyd.

A dozen federal agents under Melvin Purvis, ace department of

Washington Star,
October 22, 1934.

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DESPERADO SHOT TWICE.

Purvis Says Floyd May Be Dead or Dying in Woods.

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, October 22 (AP).—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, desperate Western gunman, seemingly had made one of his characteristic disappearances today as a posse of heavily armed officers and citizens tramped through the neighboring woods looking for him.

In the village jail here officers resumed their questioning of Adam Richetti, confederate of Floyd, who was captured after a gun fight Saturday from which Floyd escaped.

Believed to be seriously wounded, Floyd entered the woods not far from Wellsville and local officers said there was little likelihood that he had escaped. The posse, however, was unable to locate or pick up his trail.

Melvin Purvis, head investigator for the Department of Justice in Chicago, today expressed his belief that Floyd was dead or dying in the woods where he took refuge.

Story Is Contradicted.

Contradicting these statements of the seriousness of Floyd's wounds was the word of a coal digger, David Ramsure, that he had seen a man resembling Floyd walk out of the woods and attempt to get a ride on the bordering road.

Purvis waited today for murder warrants from Kansas City to serve on Richetti. Upon arrival here by plane, Purvis asked for immediate custody of Richetti, but Chief J. H. Fultz, his captor, refused to turn over the prisoner. Both Floyd and Richetti are wanted by the law as trigger-men in the Kansas City Union Station massacre of five men in June, 1933.

Should Floyd be captured alive a court fight over his custody was seen as a possibility, as there is a murder indictment pending against him in Ohio.

Three years ago in April, Floyd and "Billy the Killer" Miller staged a spectacular gun battle in Bowling Green, Ohio, fatally wounding Patrolman Ralph Castner. Miller was killed, but Floyd escaped.

Under Prison Sentence.

Floyd is also under sentence of 12 years in Ohio for a bank robbery in Sylvania, Ohio, nearly four years ago.

"It is very important that the Government obtain immediate custody of this man," Purvis said today, referring to his attempt to obtain custody of Richetti.

He would not elaborate further on this phase of his investigation. A Federal grand jury is meeting in Kansas City today to consider the Union Station massacre.

George MacMillan, owner of a car which Floyd appropriated after his battle with Chief Fultz, told Purvis today that Floyd showed him two serious wounds, one in the back, another in the abdomen. MacMillan said Floyd was bleeding badly.

Besides being wanted in Ohio and Missouri for murder, Floyd is wanted in Oklahoma and Texas as a bank robber. Richetti told police here he had served a term in the Indiana Reformatory, and said he was wanted in Oklahoma for jumping a $15,000 bail bond.

In his heavily guarded cell Richetti talked freely, but denied that Floyd was with him Saturday.

Met Floyd But Once.

"I only met him (Floyd) once in my life," Richetti said. "That was about a year ago."

Richetti smiled and did not answer when asked where he had met him. He denied participating in the Kansas City crime.

Asked if he had readily admitted his identity to Federal agents, Richetti said:

"What else could I do. They brought my fingerprints along. I couldn't say anything else."

Working with Purvis here are 15 other Federal agents.

"We have information that definitely links Floyd and Richetti with the Kansas City massacre," Purvis said. "We have proof that Richetti participated and was one of the trigger men in that crime."

Chief Fultz had received a call that two suspicious-looking men were lying in a ditch beside the car. With two citizens, he went to the point described.

The pair drew pistols and the chief stalled for time.

"Oh, he's a policeman," one of the men said finally. "Let him have it."

Both opened fire, then ran. Floyd made the road and stopped a small car.

Wounded in the ankle, Chief Fultz took Richetti to jail and formed a posse.

Floyd changed to the larger car of James H. Baum, but police in the neighboring city of Lisbon blocked his way at a bridge. Turning back to return to Wellsville he encountered the posse gathered by Chief Fultz and stopped the car.

Baum, at Floyd's orders, stepped out of the car and held up his hands. The gunman opened fire from the rear window and then ran into the woods. Police have not found his trail since.

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PAROLED IN INDIANA.

Captured Floyd Aid Served Time for Hammond Holdup.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 21.—(AP)—The arrest of Adam Richetti, confederate of the Oklahoma outlaw-killer, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, was reported at Wellsville, O., tonight on the eve of a Federal grand jury investigation of a crime of which they are accused, the slaying of five men at the Union station here June 17, 1933.

A third accused killer, Verne C. Miller, former South Dakota sheriff, was slain by gangsters near Detroit in an effort to halt Federal search which menaced them.

Kidnaped Sheriff.

Richetti and Floyd were known to have been in Kansas City the night before the slaying. The day previous they were in a garage at Bolivar, Mo., when Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, of Polk county, Mo., entered. Kidnaping him, they fled in a motor car, releasing him that night in Kansas City.

A government informant has named Richetti, Floyd and Miller as the trio who met here later that night to plot an attempted rescue of Frank Nash, an escaped convict and friend of Miller, who had been captured in Hot Springs, Ark.

Floyd Believed Hurt.

Nash, on arriving here by train, was taken to a motor car, parked in the union station plaza, in which he was to have made the remainder of the trip to Leavenworth, Kas., penitentiary.

"Put 'em up, up, up," some one ordered as Nash was seated. One officer's reply was a pistol shot, believed to have wounded Floyd.

"Let 'em have it," a man believed to have been Floyd said and machine gun bullets sprayed the plaza, some of them striking the station, where crowds scurried to cover.

Paroled in Indiana.

Otto Reed, McAlester, Okla., chief of police; R. J. Caffrey, Department of Justice agent, and two Kansas City police detectives, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, were slain. The would-be rescuers also accidentally killed Nash.

Richetti is a native of Oklahoma. He was arrested Aug. 7, 1928, at Hammond, Ind., on a holdup charge and on the following day was turned over to officers at Crown Point, Ind. He was sentenced to serve one to ten years in the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton, Ind., but was paroled, receiving his final discharge Sept. 24, 1931. He was arrested March 8, 1932, as Adam Rachard at Sulphur, Okla., on a bank robbery charge and was held for safe keeping at the state penitentiary. He was released on bond Aug. 25, 1932. That charge still is pending. The next report of him was at the time of the kidnaping of Sheriff Killingsworth.

Grand Jury to Convene.

The grand jury which will convene here tomorrow will investigate an asserted kinship of crime and politics in connection with the Union Station case.

Jimmie LaCapra has informed the government that John Lazia, a powerful North side politician who was slain by gangsters last July, arranged the meeting of Miller, Richetti and Floyd and that Lazia's associates later aided Richetti and Floyd in escaping from Kansas City.

SENTENCED IN CALUMET.

Texan Had Good Record—Was 18 When Confined.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

PENDLETON, Ind., Oct. 21.—Adam Richetti, pal of "Pretty Boy" Floyd captured in Ohio, served two years of a one-to-ten-year robbery sentence at Indiana State Reformatory.

A native of Texas, he was 18 years old when he was sent to the reformatory from Lake county Sept. 22, 1928. Although his record as a prisoner was good, the parole board extended the sentence one year beyond the minimum because of Richetti's youth and because of the seriousness of the crime, Superintendent A. F. Miles said tonight.

Parole finally was granted Oct. 2, 1930.

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INDIANAPOLIS STAR Oct.22,1934

Ace Outlaw Believed Shot in Gun Battle, Still Hiding in Woods

Adam Richetti, Paroled Indiana Convict, Held—Wanted in Kansas City Massacre—"Pretty Boy," 2 Companions Identified in Bank Robbery Friday—Officer, Citizen Hurt.

SUBMACHINE GUN FOUND

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 21.—(AP)—"Pretty Boy" Floyd was being trailed by posses of police, citizens and Federal agents in a dense woods nine miles north of here late tonight while his companion, Adam Richetti, a former Indiana convict, captured after a gun battle yesterday, was guarded closely in jail.

As Federal agents mobilized for the possible capture of Floyd, who, with Richetti, is accused of responsibility in the Kansas City Union station massacre of June, 1933, both men were identified as having participated in the robbery of a bank at Tiltonsville, near here, last Friday.

Floyd Believed Hurt.

Floyd is believed to have been wounded in a gun battle Saturday here with Police Chief J. H. Fultz and two citizens. Richetti was captured in the battle, while Floyd and a companion escaped. The outlaw commandeered two automobiles in his flight. Bloodstained cushions were found in both cars, strengthening the belief that Floyd had been shot.

$98 on Richetti.

Richetti said he was in Wellsville with a James Warren, whom he had known seven years ago in Oklahoma and whom he met recently in Toledo, O.

Police said they found $98 on Richetti and quoted the prisoner as saying he won the money several days ago in a card game at Medina, O., near Cleveland.

Fultz and Lafferty said Richetti had been identified "tentatively" as one of three men who held up the Peoples bank in Tiltonville, O., last Friday, obtaining $500.

Jail Guarded.

As police and deputy sheriffs from nearby cities and counties came here in response to a call for help, squads were posted around the jail where Richetti is being held and plans were made for the mounting of machine guns.

Fultz said he feared an attempt would be made to free Richetti. He said a green automobile with four men and two machine guns had been seen speeding through the city tonight.

The police chief said Richetti had not been questioned extensively about the Kansas City massacre, but would be tomorrow or the next day.

15 Shots Fired.

"We're trying to find Floyd now," the chief said, "that's the biggest thing we have to do now."

About fifteen shots were fired in the gun battle. As Fultz seized Richetti, one of the men ran down the highway and commandeered an automobile driven by James H. Baum, 45 years old, a florist. When the man alighted from the car near Lisbon and commandeered a second automobile, a posse approached and Baum was shot in the hip when a member of the posse mistook him for the fugitive.

Miss Victoria Dragosin and H. J. Merkle, clerks in the Tiltonsville bank, identified photographs of Floyd and Richetti for two Department of Justice men, just before the agents left to join Melvin Purvis, ace manhunter of the department, who is directing the search.

Abandons Auto.

The outlaw was last seen nine miles north of here, abandoning one of the autos he had commandeered. He is believed by police to be hiding in the woods, which covers several square miles.

Richetti told police he was wanted for jumping $15,000 bail on a robbery charge in Milcreek, Okla. He denied he had been implicated in the Kansas City massacre.

Identifies Floyd.

Although Richetti said he had not seen Floyd for nearly one year, Police Chief J. H. Fultz of Wellsville, who was shot in the ankle by the two companions of Richetti yesterday, identified Floyd from photographs as one of the men.

Fultz said he believed Floyd was wounded in the stomach.

A submachine gun was found tonight in a gully where the gun battle took place and where Chief Fultz and two citizens were fired upon as they approached to question the three men.

Served Time in Indiana.

Fultz and County Prosecutor George Lafferty said Richetti admitted he knew Floyd, but became separated from the outlaw at Texarkana, Ark., almost a year ago, and last heard from Floyd from El Paso, Tex.

Richetti, Fultz and Lafferty said, asserted he had been with Floyd when the sheriff of Bolivar, Mo., was kidnaped a year ago. Richetti said his mother lives in Lehigh, Okla. He was quoted as saying he had once served a two-year term in the Indiana State Reformatory.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1934 THREE CENTS

N.Y. Evening Journal

KILLER FLOYD ELUDES POLICE AFTER GUN BATTLE

MAN REVEALS $10 OFFER TO AID ESCAPE

Fleeing Desperado's Pal Captured in Pistol Duel

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22.—(By International News Service).—Charles H. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma killer and notorious desperado, continued to elude the clutches of the law today, though International News Service was informed positively that the hunted [illegible] in this section Saturday afternoon.

When shown a photograph of the fugitive, Theodore Peterson, of Wellsville, exclaimed:

"That's the man that offered me $10 to drive him to Youngstown, O., Saturday afternoon."

Despite Peterson's identification, Floyd, who has been hunted for years throughout the length and breadth of the country, was still a free man. The last seen of him was Saturday afternoon when he escaped a hail of bullets and fled into a woods about 10 miles from here.

GUNMAN SEIZED.

A systematic search by Department of Justice agents, has provided no additional clues as to his whereabouts.

While the intensive hunt continues for the slayer of at least a half dozen persons, Adam Richetti, who was captured after a gun battle in which Floyd was reported to have been wounded, awaited a hearing on charges of shooting with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons.

Richetti denies that Floyd was his companion in a gun battle with three Wellsville policemen. One officer was slightly wounded and Richetti surrendered after taking refuge in a farm house.

Peterson said a well-dressed

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CAPTURED IN GUN BATTLE

Adam Richetti, an outlaw wanted as a participant in the Kansas City station massacre in 1933, is shown after he was captured in a gun battle with officers at Wellsville, O. Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, also sought, was wounded in the battle, but escaped. Picture from International News Photograph Service.

FLOYD ELUDES POLICE NET IN OHIO

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stranger came to his home, a short distance from the scene of the shooting, about noon Saturday. The gun play took place about noon, authorities said.

"He said he had to get to Youngstown on urgent business right away," Peterson said. "He claimed his own car had broken down.

"He offered me $10 and I got into my car to take him. My mother called me and I answered she did not want me to go so I got out of the car.

"When I got out of my car, the stranger turned to George McMillan, a friend of mine, who was repairing a car with me, and offered him the money. McMillan accepted and they departed."

When shown a newspaper picture of Floyd, Peterson studied it closely.

FLASHED TWO GUNS.

"That's the man," he muttered while other members of the Peterson family looked at the photograph.

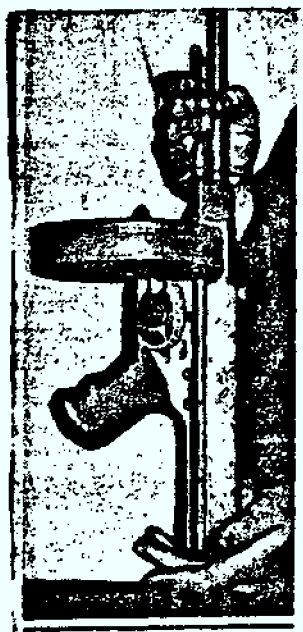
"That certainly is," observed his mother.

Peterson's three sisters were pretty certain "it was the man." The stranger had a scar on his left cheek, they said.

Members of the Peterson family saw nothing to indicate the man was wounded. The stranger showed McMillan two revolvers after the pair started for Youngstown. Theodore said his friend informed him.

Police say McMillan told them the stranger showed him a bullet wound through the back after the automobile got under way. McMillan also was quoted as saying that the supposed killer told him "I'm a dangerous man" and "your life is as much at stake as mine."

COMB UNDERWORLD.



MACHINE GUN
Found in Floyd's Car.

James H. Baum, Wellsville florist, whose automobile was commandeered after the McMillan machine became disabled was questioned at length by Department of Justice agents.

Melvin H. Purvis, chief of the Chicago Federal Bureau and agent in charge, told International News Service that Baum said he saw no bullet wound while driving the man believed to be Floyd before the latter dashed into the woods in which he is now believed to be in hiding.

Purvis and a dozen other agents ran down all clues, questioning all those familiar with the case. One group of the agents was sent to Dillonvale, Ohio, where a half-brother of Richetti lives.

Underworld haunts in Youngstown and Akron were watched closely.

In the midst of all the action, Wellsville was an excited town. Civilians, some with guns thrown over their shoulders, and others with revolvers hanging at their sides, patrolled the streets adjacent to the City Hall, where Richetti was incarcerated.

He patiently awaits the next step in his case and insists "Pretty Boy" was not with him when the pair was surprised by local officers. His companion, he says, was James Warren, of Toledo. Department of Justice agents and police said they did not know of any person named Warren.

(NEWS photo)
Early morning riders line up at the hitching posts at the Park Department's new Tavern on the Green in Central Park, where a swank (and expensive) menu was on tap yesterday.

Mr. Coffey
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Garbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr Schlider
Mr. Tamm

PRETTY BOY FLOYD WOUNDED, IN TRAP

(By United Press)

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22 (Monday).—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, with a bullet hole through his body, was believed hidden in a wood near here early today and 200 police, deputy sheriffs and vigilantes were beating the underbrush for him.

Floyd received a wound, which must prove fatal unless attended soon, in a battle with Police Chief J. H. Fultz Saturday. His companion, Adam Richetti, was captured in the fight.

While attention centered on the manhunt late Sunday, a bandit automobile roared into town, twice running the main street and terrorizing citizens with sub-machine guns and other weapons.

Jail Guard Increased.

Police quickly reinforced their guard at the jail lest Floyd's henchmen make an effort to deliver Richetti, a young Italian who boasted he aided Floyd in several western bank holdups.

The posse was thrown about the wood in a wide circle and was closing in. Police were sure Floyd could not have escaped, and believed Floyd was dead or dying. He was identified as the leader of the band who robbed a bank at Tiltonsville, Friday.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Department of Justice, arrived here by airplane

Pretty Boy Floyd

with five other Federal agents early today to take charge of the hunt.

U. S. Agents at Scene.

Ten Department of Justice men already were at the scene. Purvis immediately asked police to turn over Richetti, but officers refused, saying there was no indictment against Richetti outside of Ohio so far as they knew.

Purvis, young sleuth who tracked John Dillinger to his death in Chicago, went to the woods where the posse sought Floyd.

Faculty Rival Speer's Killer, Sleuths Think

Northfield, Mass., Oct. 21 (U.P.).—Evidence that Dr. Elliott Speer, brilliant young headmaster of Mt. Hermon Preparatory School, may have been slain by a jealous fellow faculty member was considered by authorities tonight.

The late Dr. Elliott Speer

Detectives had narrowed their investigation to the quiet, tree-dotted Mt. Hermon campus itself, where on the murky night of Sept. 14 a sniper fired a 12-guage shotgun at Dr. Speer through the window of his study.

Build Up Case.

Capt. John Stokes and Lieut. Joseph Ferrari, trackers of the Faber-Millen killer-bandit gang, spent Sunday with other investigators piecing together the circumstantial case against the suspect.

They studied stenographic reports of several questionings of him, said to show many discrepancies, and to leave his movements for at least fifteen minutes on the night of the murder unexplained.

A veteran member of the faculty, the suspect was said to have been jealous of the rise of Dr. Speer, who became president of the Northfield schools in 1926 at the age of 28, and headmaster of Mt. Hermon School five years later.

Letters Seized.

Letters supposedly written by the suspect to Dr. Speer recently have been seized and investigators hold them to be either fictitious or insincere—planted to disprove reports of friction between the two men.

The suspect has denied owning a 12-gauge shotgun, but authorities assertedly learned that he has carried such a weapon deer hunting and is a crack shot.

Death Threat Made Against Young Gloria

EXACTLY four days prior to a tender, unpublicized reunion between Mrs. Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt and the 10-year-old daughter whose custody she seeks to reclaim, the child's life was threatened

Gloria Laura Vanderbilt
Object of Death Threat.

in a crudely composed note delivered to the five-story brownstone mansion of the mother at 49 E. 72d St.

Receipt of the scrawled message caused a police guard to be detailed to the house after an unsuccessful attempt to seize the author by appointment.

"If you value the life of your child do not fail to meet me in front of the Metropolitan Theatre in Brooklyn at 10:30 P. M. Friday," the warning read. It was signed with two rings, fashioned crudely after the symbol that appeared on the Lindbergh baby ransom notes, but made no mention of a kidnaping.

House Closely Watched.

Although attributing the note to a crank, detectives sent a policewoman to the stipulated place after Mrs. Vanderbilt had refused to keep the appointment. Detectives were concealed in doorways nearby. The policewoman waited until past midnight, but nobody appeared.

The threat was received last Tuesday and since then at least one patrolman has been assigned to a fixed post in front of the E. 72nd St. residence. The reunion between little Gloria and her mother, made possible by the assent of Supreme Court Justice John F. Carew, occurred Saturday

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1934.

JURY TO DIG DEEP

First, Federal Body Goes Back to Kidnaping by "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

MASSACRE INQUIRY IN FULL

Many Witnesses Appear on Orders of Government—Underworld in Fear.

Twenty-one Men Are Instructed to Go to Work on the Crime of June 17, 1933.

A "CHILL" OVER RICHETTI

Some at the Federal Building Take Gunner's Capture as an Indication.

The federal grand jury today began taking testimony in its investigation of the union station massacre, a case said to be loaded with dynamite for Kansas City's underworld.

Charged by Judge Albert L. Reeves in federal court with the obligation of attending to the government's business with as much speed as possible, the jury at once summoned the first witness, on reaching the grand jury room.

A Hostage First to Testify.

Walter Griffith of Clinton, Mo., an insurance agent, who spent a terrifying day as the captive of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and his confederate, Adam Richetti, was the first man called to give his testimony. Griffith spent more than an hour recounting his experiences of that day, June 16, 1933—the day before the massacre—to the grand jury.

When Griffith left the grand jury room, W. P. Trainor, an agent of the division of investigation of the department of justice, was called in. The grand jury recessed at noon to reconvene this afternoon.

Trainor signed the complaint charging the transportation of the stolen car. The car was owned by Griffith.

Reconvening at 1:30 o'clock, the grand jury recalled Trainor, the government agent, who resumed his testimony before the union station. The grand jury also expected to hear the testimony of E. J. Morrison, deputy sheriff of the federal district of Leavenworth, who [illegible] the kidnaping of Charles Ashton Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, June 22, 1933.

A Massacre Jury of Twenty-one.

Twenty-one men are considering the union station massacre case on the federal grand jury that began deliberations today. Twelve of these jurors can return indictments.

Three jurors did not respond when their names were called today, so five additional jurors were sworn in. The three who did not report:

ELI P. WHEAT, 414 Gladstone boulevard, cashier of the Commerce Trust Company.

SAM C. SHERWOOD, Excelsior Springs, Mo., insurance.

P. L. ALEXANDER, 3917 Scarritt avenue, assistant cashier of the Traders Gate City National Bank.

The five additional jurors sworn in:

HERMAN DUDERSTADT, 3839 Benton boulevard, manufacturer.

HARRY S. GIBSON, 729 Gladstone boulevard, loan business.

BENJAMIN P. HILL, 5100 Raytown road, farmer.

CHARLES O. JONES, 3326 Benton boulevard, builder.

EDWARD C. WARD, 1500 North River boulevard, Independence, lumberman.

Jurors who reported:

TOWNLEY CULBERTSON, foreman, 1025 West Fifty-eighth street, member of the board of directors of the Commerce Trust Company.

WARD C. GIFFORD, 434 West Sixty-first street terrace, real estate.

GUY ARNEY, Napton, Mo., farmer.

H. E. ALDEN, Richmond, Mo., insurance.

FRANK A. FOWLER, 7336 Virginia avenue, building contractor.

G. G. GOBER, Centerview, Mo., grain dealer.

GUY W. HAWKINS, 1629 West Fiftieth street, office manager.

THEODORE SCHMIDT, Jr., Higginsville, Mo., bank clerk.

C. E. KENAGY, Raytown, Mo., insurance.

B. G. BLISS, 4525 Kenwood avenue, real estate.

HOWARD S. JONES, 1100 Ward parkway, salesman Palace Clothing Company.

HARRY B. COLLINS, 718 East Seventy-first street terrace, transit manager First National Bank.

EARNEST E. DAVIDSON, 1002 East Twenty-first avenue, North Kansas City, building and loan man.

EMILE A. ROBERTS, 306 West Sixty-sixth street terrace, treasurer C. S. Demaree Stationery Company.

KENNETH W. SNYDER, 4641 Harrison street, insurance.

JOHN W. STARK, 5100 Morningside drive, real estate.

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late last year. Miller had been taken [illegible] agents to [illegible]

Others Are Tried In.

[illegible] conspiracy, grand jury found, were a dozen or more men who [illegible], besides the three principals. It will be the grand jury's task, it appears, from the testimony to be offered, whom to indict in [illegible] the federal building

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Reconvening at 1:30 o'clock, the grand jury recalled Trainor, the government agent who had begun his testimony before the noon recess. The grand jury next expected to hear the testimony of F. J. Morrison, deputy warden of the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas.

The summoning of Griffith as the first witness, coupled with the fact Richetti was captured Saturday in Ohio, gave rise to a report that the grand jury may have sidetracked the main investigation for the purpose of returning a speedy indictment of Floyd and Richetti under the Dyer act, on a charge of transporting a stolen motor car from Deepwater, Mo., to Kansas City, Kansas.

Would Hasten Return.

Complaints charging Floyd and Richetti with the transportation of the car and with conspiracy to obstruct justice were issued today by a United States commissioner and forwarded to Ohio. An indictment would expedite the removal of Richetti and Floyd, if he is captured, from Ohio to Kansas City.

The indictment of the two men, regarded as actual gunners in the massacre, would serve to hold them pending completion of the grand jury's inquiry into the conspiracy to liberate Frank Nash from federal agents and police, which culminated in the killing of Nash and four other men at the station plaza June 17, 1933.

Floyd and Richetti were two of the executors of the Nash plot and chief actors in the conspiracy. With them, according to information gathered by federal agents, was Verne C. Miller, whose body was identified at Detroit late last year. Miller had been taken for a ride, the government agents believe.

Others Are Tied In.

Tied into the Nash conspiracy, agents have found, were a dozen or more men and women besides the three principals. It will be the grand jury's task to decide from the testimony of witnesses whom to indict in the crime.

The corridors of the third and fourth floors of the federal building today were lined with men and women who have been subpoenaed to go before the grand jury. The acts of some of them before and after the massacre had brought them close to the border line of participation in some phase of the plot, the agents reported. The grand jury will have to determine whether they were participants in the conspiracy or innocent contributors to it.

There were many persons in the halls leading to the courtroom of Judge Reeves who appeared to have suffered a chill. Many were waiting to be called as witnesses before the jury.

Richetti Capture Felt.

It was something new in the annals of gangdom in Kansas City. Scores of persons, familiar with justice as it is administered in the justice courts and the state courts, were meeting up with federal procedure for the first time. The overnight capture of Adam Richetti in Ohio contributed to the chill.

There were two types of witnesses waiting for their turns—one made up of persons who, because of their duties, might have observed things that now become evidence. They will be expected to tell their stories and leave. Then there is the group that is nervous, the members of which were subpoenaed because they were known to have had contacts with persons engaged in the station slayings. What is drawn from them before the grand

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WHAT IS TAKING PLACE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DOOR? . . . IT IS ROOM 405 AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING . . . EVIDENCE IN STATION MASSACRE IS BEING AIRED BEFORE THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY . . . IS THE SOLUTION LOCKED IN HERE?

HARRY H. COLLINS, 718 East Seventy-first street terrace, transit manager First National Bank.

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jury may backfire on them and they know it.

Witnesses began arriving early. There were others present in the halls and corridors also, waiting to hear what Judge Reeves would say in his charge to the jury. After the formal charge and after the grand jury retires, the witnesses subpoenaed go to a room on the fourth floor to await their calls. The curious leave, because there is nothing more for them until the jury makes its report.

Some of the witnesses reported and were excused subject to call. Others will be held in the federal building subject to call, and excused only when the grand jury recesses.

Among the early arrival of witnesses was Jack Killingsworth, Bolivar, Mo., sheriff of Polk County, Missouri, who was kidnaped by Floyd and Richetti June 16, 1933, and brought to Kansas City prior to the station massacre. With him was Walter Griffith, a Clinton County real estate dealer, who also was with him through the kidnaping.

The Former Police Director Reports.

R. C. Reppert, director of police at the time of the massacre, walked into the office of Henry Dillingham, United States marshal, at 9 o'clock today and the subpoena issued for his appearance before the federal grand jury was served upon him. Mr. Reppert said he heard while he was in Florida that the subpoena had been issued. Reppert left his address, 614 West Sixtieth street terrace, and his telephone number, saying he would be available for appearance before the grand jury whenever needed. He then left the marshal's office.

Two Physicians Wait.

Awaiting the opening of the courtroom doors were Dr. Peter DeMaria, assistant superintendent at the Rosewood hospital, and Dr. D. M. Nigro. Over by a window was Mike Fanning, a motor cycle patrolman, who fired shots at the car of the assassins as they sped away from the union station.

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tion which a petit jury will examine later upon a trial in this court."

Judge Reeves instructed the grand jurors on the hours they were to work, telling them they should lay out their own time, the court being interested in seeing that the time of labor be sufficient to look after the government's business.

The court did not make any specific references to the union station massacre or to any other special work to be taken up by the grand jury. The judge was nearest to any phase of the intense matters pending when he warned the jurors against anyone who might seek to approach them.

Judge Reeves suggested in part that individuals had tried in the past to talk to members of grand juries.

"If any person or persons should attempt to talk to any of you," said Judge Reeves, "you should call their attention to the fact that you are a grand juror and you should call the attention of the matter to your fellows on the grand jury and you may take such other steps as you deem proper, even to the making of a presentment to be returned in any such matter." A "presentment" is a term for indictment.

W. P. Trainor, Government Agent, The Second Jury Witness.

The grand jurors were told by Judge Reeves what to do in case anyone sought privately to gain immunity for themselves or others, or otherwise to interfere with the grand jury's work.

"Such acts would amount to an attempt to obstruct justice," Judge Reeves said. "You will tell your fellow jurors about it, and vote a presentment."

The court said the grand jury could call any witnesses it deemed necessary to any investigation. However, the court explained it would be chiefly for the district attorney or his assistants to call whatever witnesses were required in investigations.

Then the grand jury was led away by bailiffs and deputy marshal. The jurors walked to their room on the fourth floor by way of stairs adjoining the district attorney's office.

QUIZ THREE AT THE JAIL.

Two Federal Agents Visit the Gangsters and Mrs. Miller.

Frank Smith, government agent at Oklahoma City, one of the two men who escaped machine gun fire in the station massacre, and Edward R.

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Elsewhere and waiting were B. H. Thurman, former chief of detectives, and William B. Moorhead, reporter for The Star; T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, and George Rayen, a police lieutenant.

One of the witnesses waiting to go before the grand jury was Col. B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol, who has helped

WALTER GRIFFITH, THE FIRST WITNESS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY TODAY.

chase Floyd. Colonel Casteel has in his brief case a clip of .45 caliber machine gun cartridges found by his men near Deepwater, Mo., where Floyd with his captive of several months ago, Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Polk County, waited in a ravine for the cover of darkness after kidnaping the sheriff and Griffith.

It will not be the grand jury's task, however, to determine the guilt or innocence of those whose conduct it investigates in connection with the plot. Judge Reeves in charging the investigating body reminded it that the "reasonable doubt" upon which hinges conviction or acquittal of a defendant in a trial is not a matter for the grand jury to consider.

To Judge on the Facts.

"You will judge by the facts given you," Judge Reeves said, "whether a person should be put on his trial in any matter that comes before you. You will understand that the only evidence you receive is on the government's side, and you will decide whether it is sufficient to warrant the voting of an indictment. The grand jury does not use the 'reasonable doubt' as a test of the facts upon which it is to act. That is a precau-

[illegible] Miller, [illegible] Oklahoma City, one [illegible] who escaped machine gun fire in the station massacre, and Edward R. Conroy, head of the government department of justice at Little Rock, went to the county jail today to question further Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Galatas and Mrs. Verne C. Miller, all arrested in the station massacre probe. Galatas and his wife were friends of Frank Nash, the criminal slain with four officers returning him to Leavenworth penitentiary. Mrs. Miller, alias Mrs. Vivian Mathias, lived with Verne C. Miller before he participated in the station slayings. Miller since was slain.

Accompanied by two federal agents, Mrs. Louise Connors, charged in the conspiracy in connection with the station massacre, went to the jail again today and talked for more than fifteen minutes with Mrs. Galatas. Then Galatas talked with his wife and Mrs. Connors for a while.

BIG POSSE AFTER FLOYD

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Washington, Oct. [illegible] — The department of justice [illegible] that Pretty Boy Floyd [illegible] Liverpool, O., [illegible] department and Floyd was being taken to East Liverpool. The desperado escaped local officers in a fight near Wellsville, O., when Adam Richetti, chief lieutenant, was captured.

The fatal wounding of Floyd ended one of the most spectacular criminal careers in the history of the country. A [illegible] for slaying [illegible] officers, [illegible] miles of territory [illegible]

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Melvin Purvis, head investigator of the Chicago bureau of the department of justice, announced the news [illegible] that Floyd [illegible] the woods near the village of [illegible] Purvis said the slayers were [illegible] Chief Frank Smith, [illegible] Chief Charles Martin [illegible] of the Wellsville police force [illegible] Floyd [illegible] Purvis said [illegible] Floyd [illegible] British [illegible] Floyd [illegible]

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GRAND JURY PERSONNEL

The personnel of the federal grand jury which Monday began hearing evidence in connection with the Union station massacre:

Townley Culbertson, foreman, 1625 West Fifty-eighth street, member of the board of directors of the Commerce Trust company.

Ward C. Gifford, 404 West Sixty-first street terrace, real estate.

Guy Abney, Napton, Mo., farmer.

H. E. Alder, Richmond, Mo., insurance.

Frank A. Fowler, 7331 Virginia avenue, building contractor.

G. G. Goode, Centerview, Mo., grain dealer.

Guy W. Hawkins, 1630 West Fifteenth street, office manager.

Theodore Schmidt, Jr., Higginsville, Mo., bank clerk.

O. E. Kemper, Raytown, Mo., insurance.

Howard S. Jones, 1101 Wornall parkway, salesman, Palace Clothing company.

Harry B. Dollins, 715 East Seventy-first street terrace, trust manager First National bank.

Robert E. Davidson, 1000 East Twenty-first avenue, North Kansas City, building and loan man.

Roger A. Ralston, 140 West

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ROAD WORKER GIVES TIP TO POSSE IN OHIO

Officers Beat Brush for Killer After Capture of Richetti.

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Confederate, Wanted in K. C. Massacre, Is in Jail at Wellsville.

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By United Press.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22. —Posses searched the woods and hills near here Monday for a wounded and desperate killer—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Police, federal agents and citizens participated in the search, which was spurred to new fervor by a report that the notorious outlaw had been sighted in the morning near Fredericktown, O.

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Guy Abney, Raytown, Mo., farmer.

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D. V. Kenney, Raytown, Mo., farmer.

Howard S. Jones, 1000 West Pershing, salesman Fabian Cloth Hat company.

Harry T. Collins, 710 East Seventy-first street terrace, branch manager First National bank.

Thomas R. Davidson, 1000 East Twenty-first avenue, North Kansas City, building and loan man.

Edgar A. Roberts, 100 West Sixty-sixth street terrace, president C. R. Dearborn Stationery company.

Kenneth W. Snyder, 6011 Harrison street, insurance.

John W. Stark, 6100 Morningside drive, real estate.

Stephen Underwood, 1000 Benton boulevard.

Harry R. Gibson, 600 Gladstone boulevard.

Fred E. Hill, 1100 Raytown road.

Charles O. Jones, 2040 Benton boulevard.

M. C. Ward, 1500 North River boulevard.

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The sheriff and Cowley, it was believed, went East to return Adam Richetti, companion of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, to Kansas City. Richetti was captured Saturday in Columbiana county, O., but Floyd escaped.

Just before their departure for Ohio, Bash and Cowley obtained four complaints from George D. Beardsley, United States commissioner, charging Floyd and Richetti with conspiracy and violation of the Dyer act.

Harold Trainor, federal agent, signed complaints against each of the men for their participation in the theft of the Dyer act in connection with the theft of a motor car used in the abduction of Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Polk county, Mo., the day before the massacre. Harold R. Anderson, another federal agent, signed complaints charging conspiracy for the alleged part of Floyd and Richetti in the Union station killings.

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The dynamite in the government's case against the plotters blamed for the Union station massacre was contained in a small manila envelope carried into the grand room Monday morning by Stephen N. Milligan, United States district attorney.

Grand jury observers were surprised when the district attorney appeared with only the small envelope. They had expected [illegible] records, photographs and all the other exhibits that go to make up an important investigation.

Mr. Milligan said that the envelope was far more important than it appeared. It contained sixty-seven ebony typewritten pages, he said, and each sheet of paper was evidence so important that it had guarded closely by his office [illegible]

[illegible] has been informed a subpoena for his appearance before the grand jury has been issued. Frank [illegible] is expected probably to return when wanted.

Several close associates of John Lazia, slain North side politician, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Union station killing, also were at the federal

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Adam Richetti.

Richetti Captured by Small Town Peace Officers After Pitched Battle

Companion, Later Identified as 'Pretty Boy' Floyd, Escapes; Pair Cornered Following Robbery of Ohio Bank.

By United Press.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22.—Adam Richetti, accused with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd of participation in one of the bloodiest and most ruthless crimes in the country's history—the Kansas City Union station massacre—was in jail here Monday following his capture Saturday by small town peace officers.

Police pursuing men believed responsible for the robbery of the Wellsville, O., bank Friday, came upon Richetti and a companion, later identified as Floyd, Saturday. The men were lying on a blanket [illegible] a billiards pool hall. J. E. Fulk, Wellsville's police chief, and Officers Will Irwin and Joseph Fulk were questioning Richetti when the second man pulled a gun and ordered the chief to put up his hands.

"You just a working man, [illegible] down to the mine," Fulk told [illegible] nothing to his hands.

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MACHINE GUN WILL BE EXAMINED

Officials are expected to make an examination of the machine gun abandoned by a gunman in Columbiana county, O., Saturday by Adam Richetti just before his capture.

It is through machine gun evidence that the federal authorities hope to connect Richetti and Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma bandit, with the Union station massacre in Kansas City June 17, 1933.

Bullets taken from the bodies of Frank Nash, federal prisoner, and four officers slain in the massacre, and empty cartridge cases found at the scene, comprise imperfect evidence in the investigation of the crime. If these match rings and cartridge cases used in the machine gun found in Ohio, the government will have the best bit of evidence needed to implicate the two desperadoes.

aged to shoot his way to freedom, commander two automobiles in succession and escape into the wooded sections east of here. It was believed certain Floyd was wounded seriously by a bullet from the gun of John Fulk, chief of police of Wellsville.

Floyd's trail had begun to cool when Dave Ransurer, 28 years old, Negro, rushed into the police station here with the word he had encountered a man he believed to be Floyd on the highway near Fredericktown—only a few miles from the spot near Lisbon, O., where the bandit was last seen.

Ransurer's truck had become overheated and he was trying to locate someone to tow him back to town when a man suddenly appeared over a bank of earth at the side of the road.

Fled Into Woods.

"The man asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was looking for someone to haul my truck back to Wellsville," Ransurer said. "The minute I said that word 'Wellsville' the man turned around, ran down the bank and disappeared in the woods."

Ransurer said he did not get close

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Just on Day Ride.

In the big Flying Hotel, American built Douglas air liner with Amer can Wright cyclone motors, we K. H. Parmelee, J. J. Mell and C. Van Brudge, crew, and six pa sengers, two Dutch bankers and Thea Rasch, German girl flier.

This plane was a dark horse from the start. Entered in both speed and handicap sections like that of Scott and Black, it is a passenger one. A much of their many hills—all planned and all on a railway lin

are reported to have prepared a forecast so optimistic that they have a hard time believing it themselves. Such optimism in itself usually is omnous.

From California comes word to this correspondent from sources found reliable in the past that Upton Sinclair's chances of victory have waned perceptibly the last fortnight and that the former Socialist will be lucky if he wins the governorship by a small majority. The tide has turned in the golden state and Mr. Sinclair now is on the defensive. He may win. It is doubtful. The Republicans are counting on heavy gains in Cali-

the world. We become most fortunate in life, when we bring forth the fruits of the spirit—joy, happiness, cheerfulness and helpfulness.

Preceding the service was a parade of the Legion, drum and bugle corps. Those participating included members of the Troy J. Ford, R. C. Burns and Samuel Brown, jr., posts, and the Boy Scouts and Kansas City Power and Light post drum corps.

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"Now look here, fellow," Baum quoted the outlaw as saying. "You drive where I tell you and keep to the dirt roads. If you don't there'll be some shooting."

Baum drove for an hour, finally approaching Lisbon. At a bridge outside of town Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Patrolman George Patterson waited in an automobile. They saw the bandit car and gave chase.

When the fugitive realized the faster police car was overtaking them, he ordered Baum to slow down.

"But I stopped completely," Baum said. "Then the bandit pushed his gun through the rear window glass and started firing. They jumped out and so did we. The bandit ducked through the fence and ran into the woods. I got one ball of buckshot in my leg as the police guns blazed away at the bandit."

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One of the officers hastened back to Lisbon for reinforcements and the hunt through the underbrush began.

Just how seriously the man believed to be Floyd was wounded in the gun battle at Wellsville was not definitely known. Many bloodstains

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Tony Otto, also a friend [illegible] and R. H. Thurman, [illegible] of detectives, arrived just [illegible] Albert L. Reeves prepared [illegible] the grand jurors before hi[illegible] structions.

Discuss U. S. Statutes.

Some of the stringent [illegible] the various federal statutes [illegible] d to be invoked by the [illegible] ment to bring to justice [illegible] in the plot to free Frank Nash, which resulted in his death and the of four officers the morning of June 17, 1933. One man said he had learned from his attorney that the conspiracy to free Nash had been completed when the killers fled from the scene after the massacre. That would prevent others who aided the machine gunners to escape from being indicted on a charge of conspiring to release a federal prisoner, he said.

Whatever satisfactory items of the testimony obtained from that interrogation was short lived, however when another said he had been informed that newly enacted federal law made it a crime to aid or harbor a criminal.

The capture of Adam Richetti in Columbian county, Ohio, Saturday was expected to furnish additional evidence to aid the federal grand jury in its probe. Top Ohio prisoner [illegible] charged with being [illegible]

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building in response to subpoenas. Charles Carolla, Lazia's chief lieutenant, arrived in company with Charles Gargotta, Dominick Bonaglio and several attorneys representing them. Gargotta is under a federal sentence for possession of stolen army pistols, used in the gangland slaying of Harris Anthony bootlegger.

Attired in New Suit.

Carolla, flashily attired in a light gray suit, gray hat and matching tie and shirt, apparently was at his ease in the crowded corridors. He slapped an acquaintance on the back and then offered him a cigar with a gaudy band.

After greeting Dr. D. M. Nigro and Dr. Peter De Maria, day superintendent of the general hospital also subpoenaed as grand jury witnesses, Carolla went into the office of Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, and exhibited his subpoena. He was instructed to wait in the hall until called to testify.

Tony Gizzo, also a friend of Lazia, and R. H. Thurman, former chief of detectives, arrived just as Judge Albert L. Reeves prepared to charge the grand jurors before asking questions.

Witnesses [illegible]

Capra, "small fry" gangster, who has been held in the county jail for several weeks. LaCapra is suspected of a part in Lazia's killing and several attempts have been made on his life by other gangsters. LaCapra furnished much of the information which enabled federal agents to call a dozen or more witnesses who are expected to reveal some of the inner workings of Kansas City gangs. He also furnished the information which involved Lazia and Lazia followers in the Union station killing.

Women Expected to Be Early Probe Witnesses

away from the new deal policies apparently continues at a city less gentle than that reported in previous dispatches. The apathy of the campaign is being succeeded in many sections by genuine interest, it is reported here, and the fight seems to be much closer in many a congressional district than the Democratic chieftains here are prepared to admit.

It is yet too early to forecast much more than trends. The coming two weeks should serve to crystalize sentiment in many districts where apparently it is now confused.

FLOYD TRAIL IS PICKED UP AGAIN BY POSSE IN OHIO

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enough to the man to determine whether he was wounded, but officers were certain the man was Floyd.

A dozen federal agents under Melvin Purvis, ace department of justice man hunter who led the successful search for John Dillinger, cooperated with local authorities in the search.

Purvis expressed himself as sure that Floyd still is in this region, and spread out his agents to search in nearby small towns while local posses plunged through the brush and hills where the bandit was last seen.

This usually placid farming section was in an uproar as search for the killer was extended. Posses were recruited from a half dozen small towns, citizens seizing rifles and shotguns and joining the hunt.

A heavy guard surrounded the Wellsville jail to prevent any possible attempt by confederates of Richetti and Floyd to make a jail delivery. Four men in a big green sedan swept through the town twice Sunday afternoon, exhibiting machine guns and firing bursts of shots into the air.

With Floyd, He Admits.

Richetti, meanwhile, admitted that he was with "Pretty Boy" the day before the Union station massacre in Kansas City in 1933 when they kidnaped the sheriff at Bolivar, Mo., and forced him to accompany them to Kansas City. Richetti also admitted several Kansas and Oklahoma robberies in which he boasted that he participated with Floyd.

Police said he refused to admit that Floyd was his companion at the time of the gun battle Saturday in which the fugitive was sought as "Pretty Boy." But authorities believe the identification is positive. Federal agents have searched for both Richetti and Floyd for months in connection with the Union station massacre in Kansas City and had offered a reward for Richetti and Floyd in that city.

Richetti at first refused to reveal his identity, but finally did so after lengthy grilling. He boasted of his friendship with Floyd but denied that the man with [illegible] was the much sought bandit.

He insisted his companion was a man he named as James Warren, whom he described as a Toledo gambler. He said that several hundred dollars in currency wound in his pocket was won at a Toledo gambling house several days ago.

Richetti also denied participating in the Tiltonsville robbery. Two employes of the bank, Harry J. Merkel and Victoria Dragosin, tentatively identified a picture of Floyd as one of the two men who held up the bank.

The police said they were holding Richetti on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. A federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City Monday was expected to indict him and Floyd for the Union station massacre.

FUTURE FARMERS WILL COMPETE IN JUDGING AT ROYAL

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country. Each is a winner in several elimination events.

Speakers and Topics.

The contestants will deal with phases of current agricultural problems. The speakers and their topics:

Phelon Maldif, Richfield, Utah—"The Farmer's Part in a Planned Agriculture."

Gilbert Spearing, Webster, N. Y.—"Land Utilization."

[illegible] W. England, III., Merriam, Kas.—"The Challenge of Rural Leadership."

Burris Beaver, Olivia, N. C.—"The Man Farmer of the South."

Each speaker will be allowed ten minutes for delivery of his orations and five minutes will be allowed for answering questions from judges on the subject matter.

The judges will be Frank E. Mullen, National Broadcasting company, Chicago; Dr. Frederick C. Howe, Washington, chairman of the consumers' council of the NRA, and Charles V. Stansell of the Kansas City Star.

W. A. Rose of Washington, specialist in agricultural education, is director of the contest.

Prize winners in the various contests will be announced and awards presented at the dinner for the Future Farmers of America, which will be given Wednesday night at the Hotel Baltimore.

Entertain 4-H Clubs.

An equally full schedule is planned for the 4-H clubs participating in various events at the Royal. Boys and girls who have entered calves in the contests will lead their animals in the parade preceding the Monday night horse show. About 300 members will participate.

At 12:15 o'clock Monday there were guests at luncheon at the Montgomery Ward & Co. building, and at 6 o'clock they will guests of the Chamber of Commerce at a buffet supper at the Shrine temple.

Dr. Burris Jenkins Speaks at Royal Sunday Service

Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, pastor of the community church, addressed more than 1,200 persons at the Sunday morning service, sponsored by the American Legion, at the American Royal pavilion.

"No man has made a civil law by himself," declared Dr. Jenkins, "although we assume our legislatures make the laws. It is after generations of trial under certain conditions that we enact into the law of the land the laws which are best suited to us.

"Neither do we accept the law of grief and sorrow," he added, "even though [illegible]

URGE PRODUCTION HIKE

Best Road to Recovery, Says Code Board.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—An exhaustive report by the recovery board on code administration in nearly 700 industrial groups soon will advise President Roosevelt that the best road to recovery lies in greatly increased production.

NIRB economists support the views of Leon Henderson, research and planning director, who wants to speed up production of basic materials and fabrication of finished commodities to stimulate employment in service and distribution trades.

The study agrees that taking code "brakes" off production and lowering prices will bring consumption increases which also will stimulate general employment and aid purchasing power. These helps are badly needed by "white collar" employes in service and distribution who have gained least by the code system.

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U. S. PREPARES TO OFFER EVIDENCE IN RICHETTI CASE

Pal of 'Pretty Boy' Floyd Has Reputation of Being Drunkard.

Until a little more than a week ago, when the department of justice announced that Adam Richetti definitely had been connected with the Union station massacre as one of three actual killers, Richietti was notorious principally as a close associate of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

A former convict and fugitive, under a first degree robbery charge in Oklahoma, he formed an alliance with the ace desperado of the Southwest, which spread terror and death.

Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney here, is expected to submit evidence to a federal grand jury, which convened here Monday, to establish that Floyd and Richetti, with Verne Miller, Chicago gunman, fired machine guns and pistols into the group of officers who were escorting Frank Nash, recaptured fugitive convict at the Union station June 17, 1933, killing Frank Nash, convict, and four officers.

Tried to Free Nash.

The theory of the government is that Floyd, Richetti and Miller had undertaken to free Nash, who was en route, in the custody of agents of the department of justice, to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

Floyd and Richetti, the day before, had captured Shreiff Jack Killingsworth of Polk county.

Killingsworth related that his captors released him at 9 or 10 o'clock the night before the wholesale murder in the Central Industrial district of Kansas City, there communicated with several other persons, and ordered Killingsworth to drive to Lees Summit. Richetti and Floyd, he said, remained in Kansas City, presumably to participate in the fatal effort to free Nash.

Wanted in Bank Raid.

Richetti is a fugitive from a bank robbery charge in Oklahoma and a former convict, having served less than two years in an Indiana reformatory for first degree robbery.

He was convicted in Indiana in 1928 and sentenced to one to ten years in the reformatory at Pendleton, Ind. He was paroled September 26, 1930, and finally discharged September 24, 1931.

The following year he was arrested by the sheriff of Sulphur, Ok., on a charge of bank robbery and was committed to the Oklahoma penitentiary April 5, 1932, for safe keeping. He was released under bond August 25, 1932, and fled. The robbery charge still is pending against him.

Richetti has the reputation of a drunkard. Sheriff Killingsworth related that he lay in a drunken stupor in the back of the motor car in which he and Floyd had kidnaped Killingsworth.

Officers have expressed some surprise that Floyd had enlisted his aid, in crimes which Floyd has carried out with daring and precision throughout the Southwest.

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MOTHER OF FLOYD INSISTS OUTLAW IS NOT IN OHIO

And She Doesn't Believe Officers Ever Will Outwit Him.

By W. R. DRAPER

Special Correspondent of the Journal-Post.

SALLISAW, OK., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Mayme Floyd, mother of Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Southwest's No. 1 outlaw, is "positive that Charley is not in Ohio," she told me Monday morning when I called to tell her of the latest developments in the government's hunt for her son.

I met Mrs. Floyd on the front porch of a humble cottage on the outskirts of this little town where she makes her home with her widowed daughter, Mrs. Ruth Wafford, and a son, E. W. Floyd, who is employed at a filling station here.

The mother is 56 years old. She has been a widow several years since her husband was killed in a mountain feudal battle near Aiken, Ok.

Mrs. Floyd just had returned from a beauty parlor where her coal black hair, devoid of a streak of gray, had been set in a permanent wave.

Doesn't Like Newsmen.

At first Mrs. Floyd let me know that she did not like newspaper men.

"They're a no good lot," she said with emphasis, her black eyes flashing with hate. "They're always telling lies about my boy."

She was informed that officers in Ohio had identified a picture of her son as the man who was with Richetti when he was captured near Wellsville, O., Saturday.

"That chief of police up there is just like every other policeman," she half shouted. "They're (police)

MOTHER OF FLOYD INSISTS OUTLAW IS NOT IN OHIO

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always guessing that my boy is in on this or that crime.

Mentions K. C. Massacre.

"My boy isn't in Ohio. He hasn't been going around with Richetti for many months.

"Furthermore, you will never be able to convince me that Charley was in that Kansas City affair (meaning the Union station massacre).

"In League With Police.

"The newspapers are in league with the police in blaming Charley with every crime that occurs.

"And you can tell all of your newspaper colleagues for me that if Charley ever is killed by a policeman that I'll not permat a single one of them to attend his funeral."

Mrs. Floyd said that it had been chronicled in the press that she had purchased a grave for her son beside that of his father.

"That is not so—I have made no preparations for my son's burial at all."

She said, "I don't believe the police will ever reach my son," and intimated that if Floyd is killed he will be slain by fellow gunmen.

Brother Not at Home.

Mrs. Floyd said "It is possible that the man the Missouri police were chasing the other day," was her son. She declined to amplify her statement.

"But I am sure Charley isn't in Ohio," she repeated again.

E. W. Floyd, brother of the outlaw, was not at home. At a filling station where he is employed it was said that he had left the city just as soon as newspapers brought the news that Floyd was in Ohio.

Bert Cotton, city marshal here, said he did not believe the man who escaped the Ohio authorities was "Pretty Boy."

From another source it was learned that Floyd's relatives had shown great concern over Floyd's whereabouts until about five weeks ago.

"But they got word from him [illegible]

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Floyd and Aide Rank High in Federal List of Most Wanted Public Enemies

Five Other Desperadoes Besides Pair From Southwest Are Objects of Widespread Justice Department Hunt.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, believed surrounded in Ohio woods, and his captured lieutenant, Adam Richetti, rank high on the government's list of most wanted "public enemies."

On the list with them are five other desperate men—four with long and notorious criminal records, includeing cold blooded murders, and the fifth the psychopathic youth sought as the abductor of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll.

Justnce department agents have been hunting Floyd and Richetti for a year, but it was only ten days ago he deparmen announced definitely it had identified them as two of the machine gunners who had slaughtered Federal Agent Raymond J. Coffrey, three police officers and a federal prisoner in the Kansas Cit ymassacre of June 17, 1933. The third gunman was Verne Miller, who was slain last year by gangland enemies near Detroit.

Aid Ohio Authorities.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of justice agents, kept in constant touch by

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long distance with the situation in Ohio. He rushed federal agens o the spot to aid Ohio authorities in the hunt for Floyd.

The department said Wellsville, O., had refused first requests to surrender Richetti to federal custody. It was expected arrangements would be effected later, however, to bring him to trial on the Kansas City charges.

Aside from Floyd and Richetti, federal agents are hunting:

Lester M. Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson—Dillinger machine gunner, charged with the murder of Federal Agent W. Carter Baum in the clash between federal men and th Dillinger mob near Rhinelander, Wis., last April.

Thomas H. Robinson, jr.—The Nashville, Tenn., youth wanted for the Stoll kidnaping.

Five Especially Marked.

John Hamilton—Escaped Indiana bank robber, member of the Dillinger gang, wanted in Ohio for murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber of Lima.

Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker—Wanted by the federal government as ringleaders of the band that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Officially, the justice department recognizes no specific list of public enemies. Its special file of most potentially dangerous characters totals over 6,000. Its work on scores of cases daily. But these five are the ones especially marked.

Gillis or "Baby Face" Nelson is the only one of the seven for whom a federal reward is outstanding—$5,000 for his capture and $2,500 for information.

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[illegible] Floyd [illegible]

he wandered away from home to become a dandy and then a bandit. But the public [illegible] it wasn't apparent [illegible] [illegible] was to rob a [illegible] bank, herding townspeople [illegible] him as a boy into the lobby with a 6-shooter and [illegible] the employes.

Since he [illegible] his native hills the 30-year-old desperado has been accused of murder or banditry over a wide area.

The price on his head has mounted into the thousands. Oklahoma has considered mobilizing the national guard to catch him following one particularly ambitious coup, and his spectacular [illegible] officers [illegible] all sorts of [illegible]

[illegible] he was tripped on a [illegible] robbery charge in St. Louis in 1925 and put away at Missouri [illegible] prison for a five-year term.

[illegible] and C[illegible]

In 1930, when Harlan F. Manes, an Akron, O., policeman, was slain, authorities rounded up "Pretty Boy" and Bert Walker, later electrocuted for the murder. [illegible]

"Pretty Boy" [illegible] Akron [illegible] turned him over to Sylvania, O., police for a bank robbery. He [illegible] Toledo jail, was speedily convicted and given ten to twenty-five years in prison, but again escaped by leaping from a train.

Recognized later at Bowling Green, O., [illegible]

Curtis C. [illegible]

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'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD SLAIN BY OFFICERS NEAR EAST LIVERPOOL

Floyd, Shot in Stomach, Gets Away in Commandeered Auto—Henchman Captured—Purvis, Relentless U. S. Investigator Who Hunted Down Dillinger, Joins Chase

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raignment before Mayor William Daugherty on charges of shooting to kill, the Federal officers expressed growing resentment against the refusal to turn the gangster over to them. They want to take him back to Kansas City at once to face robbery and murder charges, the latter for the Union Station massacre now definitely placed upon him, Floyd and Verne Miller, the latter slain some months ago.

"I don't think I should turn this man over to the government before matters here are cleared up," Chief Fultz said at noon.

Richetti Faces Shooting Trial

"We're sure he and Floyd are the two who robbed the Tiltonville bank Friday, but we're going to hold Richetti for shooting with intent to kill.

"After everything is straightened up here I'll be glad to turn Richetti over to the Federal agents."

In Washington J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Department of Justice's Bureau of Investigation, said:

"Wellsville authorities appear to be deliberately thwarting prosecution of the Kansas City massacre case by refusing to surrender Richetti."

Dillinger-Like Escape Feared

It was apparent the director was loath to take the chance of having Richetti escape from a small town jail as John Dinninger did in Crown Point, Ind.

"If any gangster tries to get Richetti out of here they'll all be dead," Chief Fultz commented when reminded of the Crown Point jail break and the successful escape of Dillinger's pals from the Lima, O., jail. "Those fellows guarding the jail are crack shots."

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More were arriving today from [illegible]

of sub-machine guns plainly visible through the windows.

Investigators were unable to verify the authenticity of the reports but precautions against a jail break for Richetti were doubled.

No parking was allowed within a block of the jail and pedestrians were diverted to the other side of the street at each end of the block where City Hall is located.

Wellsville police picked up the trail of Floyd and Richetti, sought throughout the nation for four years, Saturday morning.

A friend telephoned Chief Fultz that two "tough looking guys" were camping on Elizabeth Hill between Wellsville and East Liverpool.

Chief Fultz, on the theory that the men might be the robbers who held up the Tiltonville bank, took Special Officers Grover Potts and William Erwin and went to the hill.

Potts and Erwin were not armed.

Near the spot where the two men had been sighted Floyd stepped from behind a clump of bushes, a .45 automatic in his hand, and told Chief Fultz:

"Stick 'em up."

Fultz, not in uniform, protested that he and his companions were only laborers on their way to work.

The chief started to walk away, asking:

"Hell, you wouldn't shoot a poor workingman, would you?"

The bluff didn't work and Floyd shouted to Richetti, sitting near the campfire, yards away:

"They're cops! Let them have it."

Richetti Opens Fire

Richetti opened fire with his .45 automatic, as did Floyd.

Both were rotten shots, for the only injury they inflicted was a glancing wound on Chief Fultz's foot.

The chief pulled out his own gun and fired point-blank at "Pretty Boy," who was less than 10 feet away.

"The bullet went straight through his stomach," the chief said later. "I'm sure of it because he told one of the fellows whose autos he commandeered later that it did. He was bleeding on his stomach and his back, showing the shot went straight through."

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More were arriving today from Washington, Chicago, Detroit and Cincinnati as word that Floyd and his pal had been trapped following the $500 robbery of a small bank at Tiltonsville, O., Friday.

The agents' headquarters are in the Travelers' Hotel at East Liverpool, four miles from here.

It resembles a miniature arsenal, for the room is lined with rifles, sawed-off shotguns and sub-machine guns.

Volunteers Start Manhunt

Police throughout eastern Ohio have virtually abandoned all other work to join in the manhunt.

More than 200 searchers—volunteers, police and Federal men—combed Spence Woods, between here and Lisbon, where Floyd disappeared last night.

At 2 a. m. today they were called in by Chief Fultz and Mr. Purvis who feared the searchers might fire upon their own men in the darkness or expose themselves to pot shots Floyd might take at them from ambush.

The manhunt was resumed early this morning, squads starting in a wider circle and moving upon each other through the woods.

Fredericktown was the actual focal point of the search, following a truck driver's report that he had seen Floyd come out of the woods near there.

James Ranshuer, the truck driver, a Negro, told police that his motor had overheated and he was waiting for it to cool off when the man came up. He was positive of the identity and his description tallied with that of Pretty Boy.

Purvis Sure of Identity

Chief Fultz is certain the wounded man is Floyd.

Mr. Purvis said:

"We are confident the man is Floyd. We know he has been working this direction.

"The descriptions we have of him vary and probably are inaccurate.

"Some of the men he 'kidnaped' in the autos used for his escape describe him as six feet tall.

"Pretty Boy is only five feet, eight inches, but a man with a gun in his hand certainly would look a big six feet to anybody."

Tip after tip as to Floyd's whereabouts came into the agents' headquarters and the police station this morning, one of them claiming Pretty Boy had been seen near Kittanning, Pa., speeding toward Indiana in a car with Illinois license plates, a rifle leaning against his shoulder.

Although slight credence was placed in the latter report, Pennsylvania state police and Federal agents in Western Pennsylvania were immediately asked to place a guard on all roads in the Pittsburgh-Kittanning district.

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The tommy gun, found later in Kounitz Avenue Hollow, showed that Floyd had fired 21 of its 50 shots.

The three officers overtook Richetti, overpowered and disarmed him.

Chief Fultz started back to Wellsville with him, while Potts and Erwin, now armed with shotguns they had borrowed from a farmer, took up "Pretty Boy's" trail.

Officer Is Wounded

Near the farm of O. H. Israel they came up to him. He fired his automatic at a distance of 60 feet, wounding Erwin in the right arm.

Then "Pretty Boy" ran to the road, nearby, and stopped a Ford car driven by George MacMillen, 25, of East Liverpool.

Gun in hand, he forced MacMillen to drive him 10 miles northeast of Wellsville, then to double back to within two miles of town.

There, on Lisbon Road, he entered the greenhouse of James Baum, Wellsville florist, and asked Baum to take his car and sell them some gasoline.

Baum refused but Floyd finally persuaded him.

"I didn't like the fellow's looks," Baum said, "so I told him I couldn't get it out of my car.

"So he asked me to drive him up the road to the nearest gasoline station and let him bring back a gallon. I told him I would do that and got in the car.

"Then he said to MacMillen, 'You get up there, too.'

"He got in the back seat and that was the first time I realized I was in trouble for he said to me as he climbed in: 'Look here, now, fellow, this is serious business. You drive where I tell you to and keep on the dirt roads. If you don't there's going to be some shooting.'

MacMillen said 'I'm in the same boat you are.'"

MacMillen tried unsuccessfully to get possession of one of "Pretty Boy's" automatics shortly after the ride started.

"How about giving me the gun so

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"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

Federal Agents End Career of Notorious Outlaw.

NEAR EAST LIVERPOOL

Chase of Months Ends in Final Battle and Capture.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., October 22—(AP)—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot and killed today by Federal Department of Justice agents.

WASHINGTON, October 21 —(AP)—The Department of Justice announced late today that Federal agents had shot and mortally wounded Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd seven miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio.

Meager details coming into the department said that Floyd was being brought to East Liverpool.

The desperado escaped local officers in a gun fight near Wellsville, O., when Adam Richetti, his chief lieutenant, was captured.

Agents who surrounded Floyd reported that the outlaw exchanged shot for shot until he was hit.

Officials said reports were that Floyd apparently would live only a short time.

AMBULANCE IS SENT

An ambulance was sent to the scene to rush the wounded man to East Liverpool.

The fatal wound [illegible] ed one of the most sensational criminal chases in the history of the country, a pursuit that has lasted for months and spread over hundreds of miles of territory.

Full details of the shooting were not immediately available at the Justice Department. Only a little while before the announcement, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Division of Investigation, said that the Federal agents began an intensive search for Floyd immediately after their arrival at Wellsville, where Richetti was captured.

WELLSVILLE, O., October 22—(AP)—As Ohio and Missouri authorities argued today over the custody of Adam Richetti, a confederate of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was captured after a gun battle Saturday, a posse of more than 100 members hunted Floyd through the woods and bushes in this section.

Both Floyd and Richetti are wanted by Missouri and Federal authorities as trigger-men in the Union Station massacre in Kansas City in June, 1933.

ARRIVE WITH WARRANT

Sheriff Thomas B. Bash of Kansas City and Federal Agent S. P. Cowley came here by plane today to

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Floyd Was Law Abiding Farm Hand Ten Years Ago

Southwest Bad Man Now Is Sought by Government as No. 1 Public Enemy

'Pretty Boy' Accused in Wholesale Slaughter of Five Men in K. C. Union Station Massacre.

By W. G. SHCRIBNY.

From Cookson farm hand to the most hunted desperado in the Southwest is the quick-marked career of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Less than ten years ago the No. 1 public enemy of the Southwest was a law abiding hired hand on farms in the vicinity of Sallisaw, Ok., struggling to eke out an existence for his young bride and year old son. Today he is accused of the wholesale slaughter of five men in front of the Union station June 17, 1933, and at least half a dozen other murders; charged with the robbery of scores of banks; involved in numerous abductions and named as a principal in many other major crimes.

While there is little doubt that the "Pretty Boy" has been accused of crimes with which he had no connection, the fact remains he actually participated in enough deeds of violence to be rated as one of the country's most desperate characters. His activities have marked him as a ruthless machine gun killer whose boast was "I'll never be taken alive."

Romance in Escapades.

There are certain individuals who like to attribute Robin Hood qualities to all widely publicized criminals. Some of the residents of the Cookson Hills country of Oklahoma, where Floyd was reared, are no exception. With their memory of the exploits of such outlaws as the Al Jennings gang, the Henry Starr, the Matt Kimes and earlier day bands of desperadoes, they also see romance in the escapades of "Pretty Boy."

Floyd's admirers in the Cookson Hills tell stories of how he was thrust into crime through no fault of his own, and how, being a criminal, he robbed only for the purpose of helping the poor. They also deny he ever took a human life, blaming the murders with which he is charged

Kansas City gangsters and holdup men tolerated him as a former convict. They saw nothing in the 23-year-old youth that would cause them to seek his aid in their particular kind of work. He was just another "stickup" man so far as they were concerned.

But the underworld has peculiar methods for gauging standards. When Floyd returned as a wanted man he took on a new status in the eyes of the "hot" boys. They furnished him a hideout and he managed to live without ever attempting honest work again.

During "Pretty Boy's" stay in Kansas City early in 1931, he made the acquaintance of the Ash boys, William and Wallace, who were down on police records as "stool pigeons." Wallace was living near Fourteenth and Holmes streets with his wife, Rose, his mother and two sisters when Floyd arrived after his flight from Ohio.

Taken for 'Ride.'

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Phantom Bandit's Wife and Son

Mrs. Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and [illegible] Charles Dempsey Floyd.

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days before that the Oklahoma bandit man was on his way there.

Brother Is Captured.

Another attempt was made to capture Floyd June 8, 1931. A posse rode into Seminole, Ok., and surrounded a house there. Bradley Floyd, brother of "Pretty Boy," and two companions were taken. The desperado and a companion were reported to have escaped just before the arrival of the posse.

The identity of Floyd's new accomplice was a mystery until the morning of June 16, 1931. On that day a car containing two men drove into Bolivar, Mo., and stopped at a garage. Edwin Richetti, a mechanic there, recognized Floyd as one of the occupants of the car. The other was his own brother, Adam Richetti, who had served time in the Oklahoma state prison.

Word of the presence of the notorious outlaw soon spread around the little village and most of the residents went to the garage for a glimpse of the two. Jack Killingsworth, sheriff, also heard the report and he buckled on his revolver and set out for the garage to make a capture.

Sheriff Is Hostage.

The bandits recognized the law when Killingsworth arrived and they "covered" him with a machine gun. The sheriff was forced to get in their car and then began a 10-hour flight during which they covered 600 miles of Missouri roads in their circuitous drive to Kansas City.

Several hours after dark the night of June 16 the bandit car reached a point in the Central Industrial district and Killingsworth was released after being instructed to go on back to Bolivar and keep his mouth shut. Another car met the robbers and in it they transferred their machine guns and other weapons.

Killingsworth followed instructions so well that he was in Lee's Summit, Mo., where he notified authorities he had been released. The police of the entire state had been searching for him for hours when they received the report.

Trail Was Cold.

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of his own and [illegible] a crime [illegible] first brush with the law was the robbery of an Oklahoma post office while working as a harvest hand. He fled to St. Louis.

Given 5-Year Sentence.

The youth who was to become the terror of the Middle West obtained a job there as a baker's apprentice. He divided his time between the bakery and pool halls and formed new acquaintances. Then there was a $12,000 holdup in a Kroger Grocery company store.

Although Floyd always has maintained he was innocent of that robbery, he fled again and finally was arrested in Sallisaw, where he had rejoined his wife and son. Back in St. Louis, this was in 1925, he pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City.

Asked why he had pleaded guilty if innocent, Floyd said:

"Of course I took a plea, because if I hadn't they'd soak me with plenty of time."

Down at the penitentiary some convict with a sense of humor dubbed the newcomer "Pretty Boy" and "Pretty Boy" he has remained since to police and underworld alike.

Arrested in Ohio.

Floyd's record as a prisoner was fair enough and enough time was lopped off of his sentence to free him March 7, 1929. He left prison with one conviction against him, but with nothing to indicate he was anything more than just a "small time" holdup man.

After his release he made his way about the country, spending considerable time in Kansas City. He frequently was arrested as a holdup suspect here, but always managed to regain his liberty after a few days' detention. September 17, 1929, he was taken into custody and a revolver was found in the room where he was arrested. That caused him to be held in the county jail until November 18.

Floyd was arrested in other cities in 1929, one of them being Pueblo, where he was fined $50 for vagrancy.

After his release from the county jail in Kansas City he left. He next was heard from in Akron, O., where he was arrested as a suspected bank robber. May 20, 1930, he was turned over to the authorities of Toledo to [illegible]

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Wally resented the attentions and when a pal of Floyd's showed up and began going places with Beulah Baird, Rose's sister, he began to tell what would happen to the visitors if they didn't keep away from the girls.

That was Wally Ash's last mistake, as Floyd's friend was Willis (Bill the Killer) Miller, who is credited with teaching the "Pretty Boy" how to operate a machine gun. Knowing the Ash brothers' police connections, "Pretty Boy" and "Bill the Killer" decided to act. One story is that they induced Rose, Wally's wife, to lure her husband and William to a spot where Floyd and Miller were waiting for them.

The Ash brothers drove away from their home in their motor car the night of March 20, 1931. The next heard of them was when their bullet riddled bodies were discovered in their blazing vehicle on a lonely road in Wyandotte county.

Girl Names Floyd.

Mrs. Sadie Ash—"Mother" Ash to the "hot" boys of Kansas City—charged the killing of her sons to Floyd and "Bill the Killer." That double murder gave the Oklahoma outlaw the first real notoriety he ever received in Kansas City. But even at that it was just a local happening and attracted little outside interest.

While the hunt for "Pretty Boy" and Miller still was on in connection with the Ash slayings, word was received here that bandits had engaged in battle with police at Bowling Green, O., and one of them had died after mortally wounding a patrolman. The shooting also had resulted in the wounding of a girl companion of the robbers and the capture of another. The wounded woman was identified as Rose Ash and the other one as her sister, Beulah Baird.

In a Bowling Green hospital, Rose talked. She named the dead bandit as "Bill the Killer" and his companion, who had escaped, as Floyd.

Hunt Spurs Him On.

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"Pretty Boy" apparently enjoyed the notoriety he was receiving because he wrote letters to sheriffs, newspapers and others. Some of them threatened the recipients, while others sought to explain why he had become a killer and a bandit. Still others denied certain crimes charged to him.

Another Murder Charge.

Floyd was just beginning to be recognized as the ace public enemy of the Southwest when another murder was checked up against him. That occurred in Kansas City in July, 1931.

Curtis Burks, prohibition agent, and a squad of police set out to raid rooms above the Noto-Lusco flower shop at Independence and Troost avenue. When the officers entered several shots were fired and Burks fell mortally wounded.

Police guns opened up and John Calio, 23-year-old gangster, died. Someone tossed a lighted match into a room containing dozens of wax bouquets, funeral equipment of the flower shop. Soon the entire upper story of the structure was ablaze. Pistol shots sounded and police and prohibition agents fired through the smoke.

Reinforcements were rushed from police headquarters. Clarence Reedy, uniformed patrolman, arrived on the scene and as he started up the stairs to give assistance to his brother officers a man collided with him. The fugitive fired over his shoulder and Reedy fell with a bullet in his neck.

Floyd Is Named.

At the hospital several days later the wounded patrolman was given several pictures and he picked out one of Floyd as that of the man who shot him. A check of bullets revealed that Burks and Reedy were struck by bullets from the same weapon.

One of the men who joined Floyd in his Cookson Hills retreat was George Birdwell, a former convict and a native of Oklahoma. Birdwell was similar to Floyd in many respects. He cared nothing for human life and would not submit to arrest.

Birdwell [illegible]

[illegible] to return the bandits' fire.

In Hiding 11 Days.

The hue and cry followed the death of the second peace officer at the hands of Floyd and his associates and the search was on again. The bandits lay concealed in their hill hideout for only eleven days.

April 20 they were reported seen in another part of the state and the next day a bank at Stonewall, Ok., was raided. An employe of the bank was taken as hostage by the robbers but was later released unharmed.

The next week Floyd and Birdwell visited relatives of the former at Earlsboro, Ok., and the sheriff there confiscated the car in which they arrived. "Pretty Boy" captured a Negro and took him to the sheriff's home to serve as a shield in the event the officer sought to shoot it out with him. The sheriff offered no resistance, so Floyd took his revolver, removed the cartridges and handed it back. Then he got into his confiscated car and drove away.

Two Attend Funeral.

Birdwell was called back to Earlsboro two days later by the death of his father. Floyd accompanied him and held the townspeople at bay with a machine gun while his companion wept over his father's coffin.

Another series of bank robberies occurred in April and May, one of them a $1,600 holdup in Sallisaw, Floyd's home town. The bandit conversed with acquaintances while he leveled a machine gun at them.

In the next few weeks Floyd and Birdwell were reported to be in various parts of the country. It remained for Tulsa police, however, to learn that "Pretty Boy" had lived for several weeks in their city with his wife and son.

Another attempt was made to capture Floyd and Birdwell in Stonewall June 8, 1932. A posse surrounded a house in which they were reported hiding and the command to surrender was given.

Critically Wounded, Report.

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Summit, Mo., before he notified authorities he had been released. The police of the entire state had been searching for him for hours when they received the report.

Trail Was Cold.

By the time Killingsworth decided to talk, Floyd's trail was cold. His usual haunts in Kansas City were searched, but no word of his whereabouts could be obtained.

Later, investigators decided Floyd and Richetti had been hidden by men who desired their services as machine gunners the next day.

Floyd was still the object of a careful search at 7:30 o'clock the morning of June 17 when a call was received at police headquarters which sent all cars to the Union station. Frank Nash, federal prisoner, and four officers had been shot down by machine gunners within a few minutes after their arrival from Arkansas, where Nash had been captured by federal agents.

The hunt for Floyd was forgotten and every man was assigned to the task of locating some bit of evidence that would lead to the men responsible for the massacre.

Linked With Massacre.

Several recalled that Floyd was reported in the vicinity of Kansas City the night before the wholesale killing, but his name was not definitely linked with the crime until an employe at the Union station picked out one of his pictures as that of a man she saw there half an hour before the crime.

Other evidence later was obtained which convinced government agents and police that Floyd and Richetti were two of the gunmen who staged the massacre. New circulars were distributed, but this time the government was the hunter.

From the date of the massacre Floyd ceased all activities. He indulged in his favorite pastime of letter writing once again to inform the Journal-Post he had no part in the slaughter at the Union station. That was the last communication received from him. He also apparently had disappeared from the locality where people knew him best as there were no more reports he was in their vicinity.

"Gone to Hollywood."

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After his release from the county jail in Kansas City he left. He next was heard from in Akron, O., where he was arrested as a suspected bank robber. May 26, 1930, he was turned over to the authorities of Toledo to be tried for robbing a bank at Sylvania, O.

Escapes From Train.

At that time "Pretty Boy" was known to the authorities of Ohio as Charles Saunders. He was tried under that name for the Sylvania job and given a long sentence in the state prison at Columbus. While being transported to the penitentiary the convicted man took advantage of a lax moment in his guard's vigilance and plunged through the train window.

That headfirst dive through the window of the speeding train marked the transformation of Floyd from an ordinary criminal who would "stand a pinch" to the terror of the Southwest whose only law was the one he made with a machine gun.

While the peace officers of the country were still unaware that a new killer was loose, some of Floyd's acquaintances noticed the change. Cold blooded killers admitted him to their company and he became one of them.

The "Pretty Boy" was tutored in the use of machine guns and was an apt pupil, as was evinced by all his later contacts with the law.

Takes on New Status.

Floyd escaped the night of December 10 and nothing more was heard of him for a time. He had contacts in the Kansas City underworld and was reported to have made his way here immediately after his escape.

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Circulars with Floyd's picture were sent to all parts of the country. Every sheriff's office and police station in the United States carried a likeness of the fugitive on their bulletin boards. But instead of halting his criminal activities, the hunt seemed to spur him on.

Fleeing to the Cookson Hills, a territory he had known from childhood, he surrounded himself with former convicts who had reputations as killers. Then the raid of banks in the Southwest was on.

Between May and December of 1931 fifty-one banks in Oklahoma alone were robbed. And in each instance the victims identified Floyd as leader of the band. The outlaws extended their activities into Texas, Kansas and Missouri. After each holdup they returned to their hide-out in the Cookson Hills country.

Enjoyed His Notoriety.

Finally the depredations of the Floyd gang caused Gov. William (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma to post a reward of $1,000 for the capture, dead or alive, of the Cookson Hills badman.

Either annoyed by the gesture or seeking more publicity, Floyd wrote a letter to Acting Governor Robert Burns January 20, 1932:

"You will withdraw that reward of $1,000 or suffer the consequences," the desperado wrote. "I have robbed no one but the moneyed men." The letter was mailed at Altus, Ok.

Governor Murray threatened to [illegible] was given several pictures and he picked out one of Floyd as that of the man who shot him. A check of bullets revealed that Burks and Reedy were struck by bullets from the same weapon.

One of the men who joined Floyd in his Cookson Hills retreat was George Birdwell, a former convict and a native of Oklahoma. Birdwell was similar to Floyd in many respects. He cared nothing for human life and would not submit to arrest.

Birdwell was reported to have engineered many of the bank robberies the gang staged in 1931. He also was credited with being the smarter of the two bandits and the one who succeeded in avoiding the numerous traps set for "Pretty Boy."

Always traveling in company, the two made frequent trips to Seminole, Ok., Birdwell's home, and to Sallisaw to visit the home folks. Floyd always indulged in a bit of letter writing just before each trip to inform the sheriffs of the localities he intended to visit there and would be there on a certain date. He usually added a warning as a postscript.

Sheriff Lays Traps.

The sheriff at Sallisaw heeded the warnings and no attempt ever was made to interfere with "Pretty Boy's" visit to his mother's home. But at Bixby, Ok., where Ruby Floyd, the outlaw's wife, and their young son resided with her parents, Irv Kelly, the sheriff, resented the letter writing.

Kelly learned the afternoon of April 8, 1932, that Floyd and Birdwell were on their way to the farm of Ben Hardgrave, "Pretty Boy's" father-in-law, and a trap was laid for the desperadoes' capture. Kelly and a group of farmers concealed themselves about the premises and when a tan sedan drove up, Kelly stepped out into the glare of its headlights and ordered the occupants to surrender.

A burst of machine gun bullets was the answer to his command. Kelly fell mortally wounded and the car plunged through a fence and back to the road and disappeared. [illegible] surrounded a house in which they were reported hiding and the command to surrender was given.

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During the latter part of November, Birdwell and a Negro accomplice rode into Boley, Ok., and attempted to rob a Negro bank there. Both were wounded fatally by citizens of the little village.

The fact that Birdwell was without the aid of Floyd seemed to support the story that Floyd was in no condition to ride again with the outlaws. One story even had "Pretty Boy" as addicted to the morphine habit that his usefulness to Birdwell had ended.

In Eastern Holdups.

These stories continued to gain ground when Ruby Floyd appeared as the only mourner at Birdwell's funeral at Arlsboro. However, it was reported that Floyd had slipped in during the night, eluding guards stationed there for his capture, to see the body of his dead lieutenant.

After Birdwell's death there was another period of inactivity for Floyd. He was reported seen in other parts of the country where robberies occurred and where the bandits shot it out with police, but little credence was given to any of these reports.

The Oklahoma badman was reported to have recruited another gang, but authorities had no idea of the identity of the members. A robbery occurred May 29, 1933, at a bank at Rensselaer, N. Y., and six bandits fought it out with police. Detective James A. Stevens was killed. Floyd was blamed for that holdup because the authorities in the East had been informed a few [illegible] that was the last communication received from him. He also apparently had disappeared from the locality where people knew him best as there were no more reports he was in their vicinity.

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The continued silence of Floyd and Richetti brought out another report that Floyd had been dangerously wounded and was in no condition to lead his gang again. There also was the report that he had gone to Hollywood and was secretly producing a motion picture with his life as the theme.

All these stories were denied by Ruby Floyd, his wife. She also denied many of the crimes charged against him, particularly the Union station massacre and other murders. She intimated that Floyd would give himself up as soon as he had sufficient evidence to clear himself of many of the crimes he was accused of.

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Officials said reports were that Floyd apparently would live only a short time.

AMBULANCE RESERVE

An ambulance was sent to the scene to rush the wounded [illegible] East Liverpool.

The fatal wounds [illegible] ed one of the most sensational criminal chases in the history of the country, a pursuit that has lasted for months and spread over hundreds of miles of territory.

Full details of the shooting were not immediately available at the Justice Department. Only a little while before the announcement, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Division of Investigation, said that the Federal agents began an intensive search for Floyd immediately after their arrival at Wellsville, where Richetti was captured.

WELLSVILLE, O., October 22—(AP)—As Ohio and Missouri authorities argued today over the custody of Adam Richetti, a confederate of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was captured after a gun battle Saturday, a posse of more than 100 members hunted Floyd through the woods and bushes in this section.

Both Floyd and Richetti are wanted by Missouri and Federal authorities as trigger-men in the Union Station massacre in Kansas City in June, 1933.

ARRIVE WITH WARRANT

Sheriff Thomas B. Bash of Kansas City and Federal Agent S. P. Cowley came here by plane today to return Richetti to Missouri. Melvin Purvis, ace Department of Justice investigator from Chicago, was already on hand seeking to take Richetti back West.

Purvis said it was very important that the Government obtain immediate custody of Richetti. In the face of his pleading and Federal warrants charging Richetti and Floyd with transportation of a car and conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the Kansas City killings, brought by Sheriff Bash and Cowley, Chief of Police J. H. Fults refused, however, to turn over Richetti.

Believe 'Pretty Boy' Dying of Bullet Wound

BULLETIN.

Wellsville, O., Oct. 22 (Monday).—(AP)—Melvin Purvis, in charge of federal agents hunting for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, today expressed the opinion that Floyd is either dead or dying in the woods near here. Purvis gave this opinion after talking to George McMullen, owner of an automobile which Floyd appropriated after a gun battle here. McMullen said that Floyd showed him two bullet wounds, one in his back and another in his abdomen, as they rode along the road. McMullen said Floyd lost at least two pints of blood while riding with him.

(Pictures on Back Page.)

Wellsville, O., Oct. 21.—[Special.]—Posses, led by sheriffs of two counties, were beating the woods near here tonight, seeking a fugitive identified by three persons as Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, who escaped police yesterday following a gun battle.

During the fight Chief of Police John H. Fultz was shot in the ankle, the man believed to be Floyd was wounded, and his companion, Adam Richetti, was captured and is held in jail here.

Both Richetti and Floyd are sought by the government for participation in the Kansas City Union station massacre of June, 1933. County Prosecutor George Lafferty said that Richetti had admitted his identity and admitted knowing Floyd, but denied that "Pretty Boy" was the man who had been with him.

Recognizes Floyd in Fight.

Chief Fultz, who told the story of the gun fight and the subsequent escape of the fugitive in two commandeered cars, stated, however, that he recognized the man as Floyd from pictures. Two employés of a Tiltonville bank, robbed Friday, also identified Floyd from photograph as one of the bandits.

The chief said he was called last night by a citizen who declared that two suspicious characters were camping by the roadside just outside of Wellsville, and that he believed one of them to be Floyd. Deputizing two men, Chief Fultz went to the spot.

Approaching the men, he commanded them to surrender. Richetti ran toward a small shack nearby and his companion opened fire with a pistol. The police returned the shots and in a few moments Richetti surrendered, unhurt.

During the confusion of the fight the man thought to be Floyd escaped and commandeered a passing car which was headed toward Lisbon, the county seat, 14 miles away. The driver was forced out and the fugitive drove away. About six miles from Wellsville, however, the engine of the automobile failed.

Seizes Another Car.

The hunted man promptly seized another passing car and continued. In the meantime Wellsville police had telephoned to Lisbon and on the outskirts of that town the man thought to be Floyd saw a posse coming toward him. He abandoned the car and escaped on foot through the woods.

Posses were organized by Sheriff Frank Ballantine of Columbiana county and Sheriff Ray Long of Jefferson county. In both abandoned automobiles used by the fugitive bloodstains were found, tending to corroborate Chief Fultz's story that he had wounded the fleeing man.

Richetti was quoted by Sheriff Ballantine and Chief Fultz as saying that he had been with Floyd in the past, but had not seen him since they separated a year ago.

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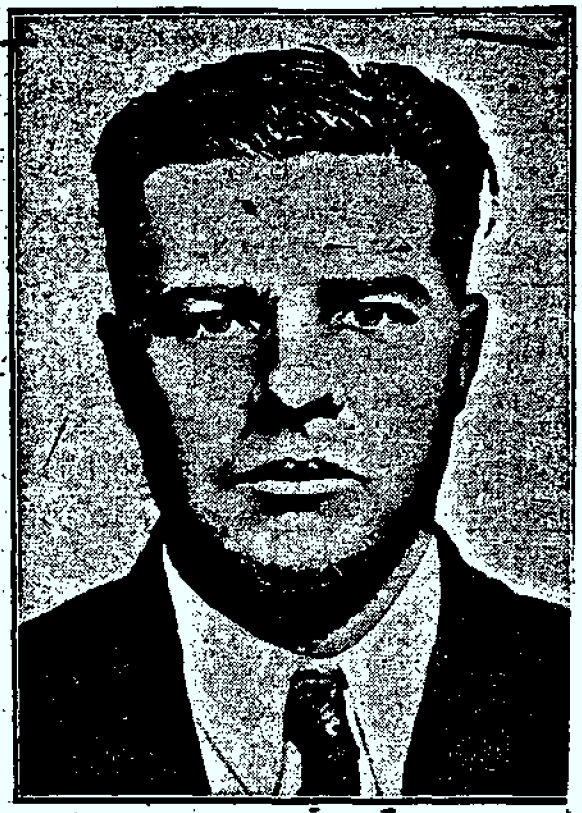

[Associated Press Photo.]

OUTLAW CAPTURED AFTER OHIO GUN FIGHT; HUNT "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

Adam Richetti (left), caught in Wellsville, O., and his chief, the notorious Floyd, both of whom are sought for Kansas City Union station massacre. Posses were seeking Floyd in the woods near Wellsville last night. *(Story on page 1.)*

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BANDIT SLAIN NEAR OHIO CITY; AIDE ALSO HELD

Killing Follows Relentless Hunt of Woods After Desperado Was Wounded in Duel With Police

By the United Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Federal agents late today mortally wounded Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd eight miles northeast of Liverpool, O., the Department of Justice announced.

A party of federal agents surrounded the notorious desperado on the farm of Ellen Conkle between the villages of Clarkson and Sprucedale, O., the department said.

By Post State Wire.

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Oct. 22.—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, arch desperado, came to the end of his criminal career late today, when he was shot down by federal agents near here.

The killing was confirmed by one of the federal agents stationed here since Floyd shot his way out of a police trap in Wellsville Saturday. The agent did not know any of the details of the shooting, but said he thought Melvin Purvis, chief of the agents here, was with the party of officers who trapped and killed the outlaw.

Floyd was shot down in a hail of bullets from the guns of officers who had pursued him the length and breadth of the land. Federal agents concentrated here Saturday night, when it was learned that Floyd was the man who shot his way out of a police trap which ensnared his confederate, Adam Richetti.

First reports said that a Department of Justice agent was shot down and seriously wounded in the gun duel.

Aide of Floyd Faces Kansas City Massacre Charge

By Post State Wire.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22.—Federal agents on duty here made preparations today to remove to Kansas City Adam Richetti as known ...

were wounded. Richetti was captured. Floyd escaped.

Floyd then commandeered the auto of George McMillian, Wellsville, pointed a gun at him and ordered him to "drive fast and keep to the back roads."

McMillian's gasoline gave out near the home of J. H. Baum, a florist. The fugitive forced McMillian to accompany him to the house where Floyd—holding one hand over a wound in his abdomen—forced Baum to drive them away in his car.

Threatens Driver

"Now look here, fellow," Baum quoted the outlaw as saying, "you drive where I tell you and keep to the dirt roads. If you don't there'll be some shooting."

Baum drove for an hour, finally approaching Lisbon. At a bridge outside of town Deputy Sheriff Hayes and Patrolman George Patterson waited in an auto. They spied the bandit car and gave chase.

When the fugitive realized the faster police car was overtaking them he ordered Baum to slow down.

Fires at Pursuers

"But I stopped completely," Baum said today. "Then the bandit pushed his gun through the rear window glass and started firing. They jumped out and so did we. The bandit ducked through a fence and ran into the woods. I got one ball of buckshot in my leg as the police guns blazed away at the bandit."

One of the officers hastened back to Lisbon for reinforcements and the hunt through the underbrush began.

Just how seriously Floyd was wounded at Wellsville was not definitely known. Many bloodstains were found in the rear seat of Baum's auto, and a faint trail of blood led for a short distance into the woods.

Richetti Boastful

Richetti at first refused to reveal his identity, but finally did so after lengthy grilling. He boasted of his friendship with Floyd but denied that the man with him was the much sought bandit.

He insisted that his companion was a man he named as James Warren, whom he described as a Toledo gambler. He said that several hundred dollars in currency found in his pocket was won at a Toledo gambling house several days ago.

Fear Attack on Jail

The jail here was heavily guarded today as officers feared a possible plot to free Richetti.

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Kansas City Massacre Charge

By Post State Wire.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 21.—Federal agents on duty here made preparations today to remove to Kansas City Adam Richetti, 26, known confederate of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was captured in the gun duel with Wellsville police Saturday.

A plane bearing warrants charging Richetti with participation in the Union Station massacre in Kansas City—a crime for which Floyd also is sought—arrived at the East Liverpool Airport, eight miles from Wellsville, and were rushed here by federal agents.

Removal Delayed

John Fultz, chief of police, said he would not release Richetti to federal agents immediately, and that he wanted to "be sure everything is cleaned up in Wellsville" before allowing the prisoner to be taken to Kansas City.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the federal agents who came here by plane from Cincinnati and Chicago, said he hoped to send the bandit back to Kansas City by plane later today.

Trail Picked Up

Floyd's trail had begun to cool today when Dave Ransurer, 38, Negro, rushed into the police station here with word that he had encountered a man he believed to be Floyd on the highway near Frederickstown.

Ransurer said the man suddenly appeared over a bank of earth at the side of the road.

"He asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was looking for someone to haul my truck back to Wellsville,' Ransurer said. "The minute I said 'Wellsville' he ran down the bank and disappeared in the woods."

Sensational developments came with machine-gun rapidity after the Peoples Bank of Tiltonville, O., was robbed Friday. Police Chief Fultz of Wellsville was called to the edge of town Saturday afternoon and found two men lying on a blanket on a hillside. One of the men pulled a gun and ordered the chief to put up his hands.

"I'm just a working man going down to the mine," Fultz told them, refusing to lift his arms.

"Let him have it, Adam," yelled one of the men. The bandit later indentified as Richetti opened fire on the officers. Dodging behind trees, police and the bandits shot it out. Fultz and one of the officers

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Re: "KANMO"

Floyd Aid Arrested In Ohio; Richetti Named As Suspect In Killings At Kansas City

Wellsville, Ohio, October 21—(AP)—While posses tonight trailed a fugitive they believed was "Pretty Boy" Floyd, possibly wounded, a man identified by authorities as Adam Richetti, hunted in connection with the Kansas City Union Station massacre, was held in the village jail.

Richetti was captured as two men were put to flight in a cross-country gun battle yesterday.

Federal agents from Chicago, Cleveland and Cincinnati joined the hunt tonight.

Richetti told police he was wanted for having jumped $15,000 bond on a robbery charge in Milcreek, Okla. He denied he had been implicated in the slaying of a Federal prisoner and four officers in the Kansas City Union Station in June, 1933.

Although Richetti said he had not been Floyd for nearly one year, J. H. Fultz, Police Chief of Wellsville, who was shot in the ankle by the two companions of Richetti yesterday, identified Floyd from photographs as one of the men.

Fultz said he believed Floyd was wounded in the battle. Bloodstains were found on cushions in two automobiles believed to have been used by the fugitive in his flight.

Kansas City, October 21—(AP)—The arrest of Adam Richetti, confederate of the Oklahoma outlaw-killer, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, was reported at Wellsville, Ohio, tonight on the eve of a Federal Grand Jury investigation of a crime of which they are accused, the slaying of five men at the Union Station here June 17, 1933.

A third accused killer, Verne C. Miller, former South Dakota Sheriff, was slain by gangsters near Detroit in an effort to halt a Federal search which menaced them.

Richetti and Floyd were known to have been in Kansas City the night before the slaying. The day previous they were in a garage at Bolivar, Mo., when Jack Killingsworth, Sheriff of Polk County, Mo., entered. Kidnaping him, they fled in a motor car, releasing him that night in Kansas City.

A Government informant has named Richetti, Floyd, and Miller as the trio who met here later that night to plot an attempted rescue of Frank Nash, an escaped convict and friend of Miller, who

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Floyd Aid Is Nabbed; Richetti Is Suspect In Station Massacre

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had been captured in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Nash, on arriving here by train, was taken to a motor car, parked in the Union Station plaza, in which he was to have made the remainder of the trip to Leavenworth, Kan., Penitentiary.

"Put 'em up. Up. Up." Someone ordered as Nash was seated. One officer's reply was a pistol shot, believed to have wounded Floyd.

"Let 'em have it," a man believed to have been Floyd said, and machine gun bullets sprayed the plaza, some of them striking the station, where crowds scurried to cover.

Otto Reed, McAlester, Okla., Chief of Police, R. J. Caffrey, Department of Justice agent, and two Kansas City police detectives, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, were slain. The would-be rescuers also accidentally killed Nash.

Richetti is a native of Oklahoma.

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OUTLAW FLOYD REPORTED SHOT; PAL CAPTURED

Adam Richetti Is Held in Ohio Jail While Posse Hunts Companion Wounded by Officer.

SUSPECT SEIZES TWO AUTOS IN HIS ESCAPE

Hit by Bullet, Owner of One of Cars Says—Wanted in Kansas City Station Killings.

By the Associated Press.

WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22.—A posse searched the woods near Wellsville today for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma gunman.

A man identified by officers as Floyd was wounded, but escaped, Saturday in a fight with Chief of Police J. H. Fultz and two citizens who sought to arrest him ar ' Adam Richetti, a confederate. Richetti was captured.

Melvin Purvis, chief investigator of the Chicago bureau of the Department of Justice, came to Wellsville by airplane. He expressed the belief today that Floyd was either dying or dead in the woods near the village. Purvis had just talked with George MacMillan, owner of one of two automobiles which Floyd appropriated in his escape from Fultz Saturday.

Wanted in Kansas City Killings.

Richetti and Floyd are wanted in connection with the Union Station murders at Kansas City in 1933, in which a Federal agent, three other officers and Frank Nash, a Federal prisoner, were killed.

Federal officers from Kansas City arrived here shortly before noon by airplane today with warrants charging Richetti with murder. The officers immediately conferred with Purvis. Sheriff Bash of Jackson County, Missouri, was reported to have accompanied the officers.

FLOYD'S PAL CAUGHT

—Associated Press Photo.
ADAM RICHETTI.

Chief Fultz said: "I will not turn the man over." He said he felt that because Richetti had attempted to take his life, he should keep him in custody to see that he is brought to trial.

MacMillen who was forced to help the suspect escape in an automobile after the fight, was shown a book containing the pictures of criminals today. MacMillen unhesitatingly pointed to Floyd's picture.

"That's the guy," said MacMillen.

MacMillen said Floyd told him he wanted to go to Youngstown. Floyd gave him $10, he said.

"He told me his name was Floyd," MacMillen continued, "but I didn't know who Floyd was. He told me then that he was wanted and that his name was in the papers and magazines." MacMillen said Floyd had told him where he left a machine gun and offered it to him as part of his reward. The machine gun was found by Chief Fultz Sunday. The Chief asked MacMillen if Floyd was wounded.

"He said he had been hit," said MacMillen. "I saw a small hole in the back of his coat."

Working with Purvis here are 12 other Federal agents. "We have information that definitely links Floyd and Richetti with the Kansas City killings," Purvis said. "We have proof that Richetti was one of the trigger men in that crime."

Capture of Richetti.

Chief Fultz had received a call that two suspicious-looking men were lying in a ditch beside an automobile near Wellsville. With two citizens, he went to the place.

The two men drew pistols and Fultz stalled for time.

"Oh, he's a policeman," one of the men said, finally. "Let him have it."

Both opened fire, then ran. The man said to be Floyd stopped a small car on the road, got in it and sped away. Chief Fultz was wounded in the ankle, but captured Richetti. He took him to jail and formed a posse.

Floyd changed to the larger automobile of James H. Baum, but the police in the nearby town of Lisbon blocked his way at a bridge. Turning back toward Wellsville, he encountered the posse gathered by Chief Fultz and stopped.

Baum, at Floyd's orders, stepped out of the car and held up his hands. The gunman opened fire from the rear window and then ran into the woods.

Richetti Denies It's Floyd.

Richetti talked freely, but denied that Floyd was with him Saturday.

"I only met him (Floyd) once in my life," Richetti said. "That was about a year ago." He denied participating in the Kansas City crime.

Asked if he had readily admitted his identity to Federal agents, Richetti said: "What else could I do? They brought my fingerprints along."

Fultz and County Prosecutor Lafferty said Richetti declared he became separated from Floyd at Texarkana, Ark., almost a year ago, and last heard from him from El Paso, Tex.

With Floyd at Bolivar, Mo.

Richetti, according to the officers, said he had been with Floyd when the Sheriff of Bolivar, Mo., was kidnaped a year ago. Richetti said his mother lived in Lehigh, Ok.

Fultz and Lafferty quoted him as saying he had once served a two-year term in the Indiana State Reformatory at Hammond.

Richetti said he was in Wellsville with a James Warren, whom he had known seven years ago in Oklahoma and whom he met recently in Toledo, O. The police found $98 on Richetti. They quoted him as saying he had won the money in a card game at Medina, O., near Cleveland.

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Federal Grand Jury Opens Inquiry in Kansas City.

By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 22. — Walter Griffith, a Clinton, Mo., insurance agent who spent most of June 16, 1933, as a hostage of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti, Floyd's lieutenant, was the first person to testify today before a Federal grand jury called to delve into the Union Station murder of five men June 17, 1933.

The calling of Griffith was believed to indicate that the jury intends to indict Floyd and Richetti for transportation of a stolen car from Missouri to Kansas, that Richetti, under arrest at Wellsville, O., might be brought to Kansas City. The outlaws took Griffith's car when they abducted him, after they previously had abducted Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Polk County at Bolivar, Mo.

Complaints charging the pair with transportation of the car and with conspiracy to obstruct justice were issued today by a United States Commissioner and forwarded to Ohio.

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Star-Times
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U. S. AGENTS CATCH 'PRETTY BOY'

'Pretty Boy' Floyd

TRAPPED ON FARM IN OHIO

Ozarks Desperado Wounded After Capture of Adam Richetti, an Ally, in Gun Battle.

BOTH ACCUSED IN MASSACRE

Melvin Purvis, Who Ended Dillinger's Career, in Charge of Federal Officers in Hunt.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(U. P.)—Federal agents late today wounded Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd eight miles northeast of Liverpool, Ohio, the Department of Justice announced. First reports said Floyd, who was captured, was either dead or in a dying condition.

A party of federal agents surrounded the notorious desperado on the farm of Ellen Conkle between the villages of Clarkson and Sprucedale, Ohio, the department said.

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Details of the encounter and shooting were not immediately available here, but it was said that the party that shot him was composed entirely of federal agents.

In Wellsville jail was Adam Richetti, accused with Floyd of participation in the massacre at the Kansas City Union Station in which a prisoner and four peace officers died under gangster fire. Warrants charging Richetti with the crime were rushed here by plane from Kansas City.

In charge of the law's forces on Floyd's trail was Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Department of Justice, the man who tracked down John Dillinger. He flew here last night with five other federal agents from Chicago.

Police Chief John Fultz, who participated in a gun battle with Floyd and Richetti Saturday, said he recognized Floyd from photographs he had studied and asserted that the gunman was then badly wounded. He said he fired directly at Floyd and saw bloodstains on the back and front of his clothing.

Police, pursuing men believed responsible for the robbery of the Tiltonsville, Ohio, Bank Friday, came upon Floyd and Richetti late Saturday. Fultz and Officers Will Irwin and Grover Potts were questioning one, when the other shouted:

"Let them have it, Adam."

Richetti whipped out a .45-caliber revolver and began shooting at the same instant that Floyd opened fire. Fultz fired as Floyd turned to run.

Floyd ran down the road and encountered a motorist, George MacMillian, and offered him $10 for a ride to Akron or Youngstown. He threatened MacMillian with a revolver and MacMillian wrecked the car deliberately near Lisbon, Ohio. Floyd then commandeered a car driven by James Baum. Soon afterward the car encountered a police barricade across the highway. Baum was forced to turn and back-track, but a police car was in hot pursuit. In the ensuing shooting Baum was slightly wounded.

Floyd ran into the woods before the police car could stop.

Friction apparently had arisen over the question of custody of the prisoner. Fultz said he would not turn Richetti over to federal agents. The office of County Prosecutor George Lafferty told the United Press, however, that Richetti would be released to the government upon presentation of proper warrants.

Massacre Before Grand Jury.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Oct. 22.—(U. P.)—Ramifications of the Union Station murders in which a federal prisoner and four officers were slain will be described to a federal grand jury today. The government seeks indictments charging conspiracy or participation against at least eleven persons.

Among those accused were Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and his chief aid, Adam Richetti. They were believed to have been two of the three participants in the killing. The third was believed to be Verne C. Miller, former army machine gunner, since slain by underworld enemies.

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THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, DENVER, COLORADO, OCTOBER 22, 1934.

NOTORIOUS KILLER BELIEVED TRAPPED IN FOREST IN OHIO

Sheriff Says Bullet Entered Back of Outlaw and Passed Completely Thru His Body; Henchman Richetti Caught

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 22 (Monday).—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd—a bullet hole thru his body—was believed hidden in a wood near here early today, and 200 police, deputy sheriffs and vigilantes were beating the underbrush for him.

Floyd received a wound which must prove fatal unless attended soon in a battle with Police Chief J. H. Fultz Saturday. His companion, Adam Richetti, was captured in the fight.

While attention centered on the manhunt late Sunday, a bandit automobile roared into town, twice running the main street and terrorizing citizens with submachine guns and other weapons.

Guard Re-enforced

Police quickly re-enforced their guard at the jail lest Floyd's henchmen make an effort to deliver Richetti, a young Italian, who boasted he aided Floyd in several Western bank holdups.

The posse was thrown about the woods in a wide circle and was closing in. Police were sure Floyd could not have escaped, handicapped as he was by a hole from his back to the middle of his abdomen.

Searchers believed Floyd was dead or dying.

Positive Identification

Police Chief James H. Fultz was positive of his identification of Floyd. Confirmation that the wounded man was Floyd was issued by the department of justice at Washington.

Floyd left a heavy bloodstain on the cushions of an automobile he commandeered in a desperate effort to outrun pursuit.

Search for two bandits, one of whom resembled Floyd, began Friday when the People's Bank at Tiltonville was robbed of $500.

Yesterday afternoon Chief Fultz received a telephoned tip that two suspicious men had spent the night in a house near the town.

With Special Officers Will Irwin and Grover Potts, Fultz drove to the spot named. In the road he encountered a man, questioned him, and passed on toward another man.

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FLOYD IS SHOT IN FIGHT WITH OHIO OFFICERS

Lieutenant of Notorious Killer Is Captured After Gun Battle

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As he approached the second man, the first—who was Floyd—shouted: "Begin shooting, Adam!"

Richetti whipped out a .45-caliber revolver and began firing.

At the same time Floyd opened fire from the other direction.

The chief, directing his shots at Floyd, shot the outlaw thru the back. The bullet passed completely thru Floyd's body.

Meantime the chief and his aids overpowered Richetti.

Potts was wounded in the leg.

Floyd, pressing his hands to his wound, fled down the road where he encountered George MacMillan driving an old Ford automobile.

Hailing MacMillan, he offered $10 for a ride to Akron or Youngstown. Once in the car he threatened MacMillan with his revolver and attempted crudely to stanch the flow of blood from the wound in his abdomen.

MacMillan turned his car toward Lisbon, hoping to encounter police.

Finally he wrecked the machine.

Run Into Barricade

Floyd then stopped James Baum, florist. Putting MacMillan with Baum in the front seat of the latter's car he directed them from the back.

Near the outskirts of Lisbon, the car encountered a barricade built by police.

At Floyd's growled directions, Baum turned his machine around and attempted to flee. A Lisbon police car sped up the road in pursuit.

It contained Deputy Paul Early, Deputy George Hayes and Lisbon Policeman George Patterson.

The police machine quickly overtook Baum and the officers fired at the three occupants with pistols. Baum was wounded slightly.

Floyd leaped from the car and disappeared in dense underbrush, leaving stains of blood on the cushions of Baum's machine.

Altho police were quick to follow, the wounded outlaw out-distanced them and the trail was lost.

Posse Beats Woods

As quickly as possible, a posse of 200 men—deputies and armed farmers—was swung to a wide circle around the woods. This group was still searching tonight. The trail was getting colder and there was no trace of Floyd but police were confident he was hemmed in.

Wellsville was thrown into a panic late this afternoon when a big green sedan raced thru the main street, carrying four ugly-looking characters with submachine guns and sawed-off shotguns.

Once the car raced thru the town. It was gone before dismayed citizens could do more than recoil and flee to shelter.

Then it rocketed back. This time one of the outlaws fired several shots into the air after the fashion of frontier outlaws of the Jesse James period.

"Thumbed" by Hiker

On the outskirts, a hitch-hiker accompanied by two girls stepped into the road and "thumbed" the driver for a ride.

Two machine guns poked their ugly snouts at the hiker and he leaped back. The bandits sped out of town.

Richetti was lodged in the town jail. At first he refused to admit his identity, but later became talkative and boasted that he and Floyd had perpetrated several bank robberies in Kansas. He said his wounded companion was the Oklahoma outlaw whom the government calls public enemy No. 1. Richetti is a known confederate of Floyd.

After the visit of gunmen this afternoon, authorities posted a heavy armed guard at the jail, fearing an attempt to deliver Richetti.

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Attorney General [illegible] will be for [illegible] Hunterdon County prosecutor, conferred with [illegible] and Hauck planned to [illegible] later with Supreme Court Justice Thomas W. Trenchard to [illegible] date for Hauptmann's arraign-[illegible] at Flemington, Hunterdon County seat, to which the prisoner was taken from The Bronx last night.

[illegible] Attorney General disclaimed [illegible] interest in the reported identification of Hauptmann by a Bethlehem, Pa., resident and by fifteen-year-old Richard Lightfoot of Franklin Park, N. J.

[illegible] Bethlehem resident "identified Hauptmann from pictures as the man who occupied a house six miles from the Lindbergh home for several days after the kidnaping. The Lightfoot youth "identified" Hauptmann as the man to whom a family servant talked in February.

"The Lightfoot story has been investigated and we are not interested in it," said Wilentz. "We are sending any one to Bethlehem to check that story."

Wilentz also denied that he was planning to use John Hughes Curtis of Norfolk, Va., as a witness in the case. Curtis was convicted of obstructing the search for the kidnaped child.

The prosecutor said he had no information of having Hauptmann re-enact the alleged abduction at Hopewell, although he said it was possible the trial jury might be taken to the scene of the crime.

Hauptmann's reading privileges

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EXPENDITURES TOP $2,000,000,000

Represents Outlay of Cash Since July 1

Special Dispatch to New York Post

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP).—The Government's expenditures for the fiscal year which began July 1 today passed the $2,000,000,000 mark.

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Magistrate Tells Action Made

Granted the postponement, when Assistant Corporation Counsel H. Boardman Epstein had been unable to get in touch with Edward Corsi, Home Relief Director, to determine the status of Corsi has been fill with

[illegible] women are Edythe [illegible] stein, twenty-three, of [illegible] Avenue, The Bronx; Regina [illegible] twenty-four, of 1862 Tower[illegible] Avenue, The Bronx, and [illegible] Rothstein, twenty-six, [illegible] Street.

[illegible] said they had bank [illegible] totaling, respectively, $1,[illegible] and over $1,000.

MANNING ASSAILS ON CATHOLIC VIEW

Episcopalian Layman Offers Resolution Upholding Protestant Stand

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 22 (AP).—The Right Rev. William T. Manning, Bishop of New York, was [illegible] at today's session of the triennial Episcopal convention of undertaking "to unchurch great bodies of Protestant Christendom who have failed to hold his ideas as to the divinity of the episcopate."

This was set forth in a resolution offered by Roswell Page of Stanford Dam, Va., a lay delegate to the house of deputies.

The resolution was tabled. It referred to a sermon preached by Bishop Manning yesterday in which he defined the Protestant Church as "fundamentally and definitely Catholic."

"In such sermon he failed to use the official name of the church to which we belong," the Page resolution said, "and by which he was consecrated and which he [illegible] denied."

"Only Christ Divine"

"At this time the unity of Christendom is in the minds and hearts of many and is thus hindered and rendered more difficult and impracticable.

"Be it resolved: That we hold not the episcopate divine, but only Christ, and we hold the Scriptures, creeds, episcopates and sacraments but means to lead us and the rest of mankind to Him, Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God."

"The Episcopal Church maintains and rejoices to maintain warm and brotherly relations with the Protestant churches," Bishop Manning yesterday declared at a service of the triennial general Episcopal convention, commemorating the consecration of Samuel Seabury, first American bishop.

"She has indeed much in common with evangelical Protestantism, she gives praise to God for every evi-

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HUNGARIAN POLICE RAID LEGITIMISTS

Bayonets Break Up Meeting of Baroness Deputy

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BUDAPEST, Oct. 22 (Wireless).—Gendarmes flashed bayonets today in breaking up a legitimist meeting.

Baroness Orvady, legitimist deputy for Szombathely, organized the meeting to explain her parliamentary policy. Several former Ministers and Deputies were present to speak.

Although the heroines was provided with the sub-prefect's authorization, police entered at the opening and forcibly broke up the assembly.

FLOYD SLIPS OUT OF TRAP IN OHIO

Desperado, Wounded Twice, May Be Dead in Woods, U. S. Agent Believes

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 22 (AP).—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the public Western gunman, seemingly had made one of his characteristic disappearances today as a posse of heavily armed officers and citizens combed through the neighboring woods looking for him.

In the village jail here officers resumed their questioning of Adam Richetti, confederate of Floyd, who was captured after a gun fight Saturday from which Floyd escaped.

Believed to be seriously wounded, Floyd entered the woods not far from Wellsville. Officers said there was little likelihood he had escaped from this section.

Floyd Believed Dying

Melvin Purvis, head investigator for the Department of Justice in Chicago, today expressed his belief that Floyd was dead or dying in the woods where he took refuge.

Contradicting these statements of the seriousness of Floyd's wounds was the word of one man—Sheriff David Hanmore, who said he had seen a man resembling Floyd walk out of the woods and attempt to get a ride on the bordering road.

Chief Fultz, shown warrants charging Richetti with murder in connection with the Union Station massacre at Kansas City in June, 1933, said flatly today: "I will not turn the man over."

Fultz said he did not have time to explain his action in refusing the Missouri officers custody of Richetti. Richetti has been charged with shooting to kill in connection with the gun fight Saturday.

Wanted As Odio Killer

Should Floyd be captured alive, a court fight over his custody was seen as a possibility as there is a murder indictment pending against him in Ohio.

Three years ago in April Floyd and "Billy the Killer" Miller staged a spectacular gun battle in Bowling Green, Ohio, fatally wounding Patrolman Ralph Castner. Miller was killed, but Floyd escaped.

George MacMillian, owner of a car which Floyd appropriated after his battle with Chief Fultz, told Purvis today that Floyd showed him two serious wounds, one in the back, another in the abdomen. MacMillan said Floyd was bleeding badly.

Band Assists With Rifle

INDIANA, Pa., Oct. 22 (AP).—Heavily armed posses of sheriff's officers and highway patrolmen today began a hunt for a man reported seen driving an automobile with a rifle resting on one shoulder, on suspicion he may be the fugitive "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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nd-Australia Flight Records

MELLON AND MILLS HELD NOT LIABLE FOR OFFICIAL ACTS

Supreme Court Backs Former Treasury Heads, Bars Margerine Suit

RULE ON PENNSYLVANIA BUILDING AND LOAN CASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (AP).—Andrew Mellon, Ogden L. Mills and the Supreme Court found themselves in agreement today that Government officials are not personally liable for actions taken in discharging their duties.

The court refused to review the action of District of Columbia courts in entertain a suit against the former Secretaries of the Treasury by the Standard Nut Margerine Company of Florida for $250,000 damages for the alleged destruction of its business.

In his reply to the suit, Mellon contended that to hold officials responsible would "paralyze the public service" and "no official would dare to act in a doubtful situation if the court of last resort had spoken."

The company said Treasury officials acting under instructions from Mellon and Mills, the latter then Undersecretary, had assessed taxes against its product in 1929 despite court rulings that it was free from taxes.

Rule on B. and L. Case

The Supreme Court agreed today to rule on whether Pennsylvania has the right to liquidate the affairs of building and loan associations.

The court promised to review the action of lower Federal courts in upholding the liquidation of the Mortgage Building and Loan Association of Philadelphia in the hands of the State Secretary of Banking.

Because of prohibition repeal, the United States today in effect was permitted by the Supreme Court to proceed with forty vessels seized for violating the dry laws.

[illegible] Harley B. Schwartz [illegible] court refused to review a decision by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals that repeal had rendered moot the forfeiture charges brought by the Government. The Government charged the [illegible]

ELUSIVE "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

Associated Press Photo

Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, killer, bank robber and all-round desperado, is reported dying and in desperate flight before a posse in Ohio. This latest picture of the much-sought criminal shows him with his wife and their son, Jack Dempsey Floyd.

Boy Saves 3 in Family As Father Leaps to Death

William Grier Jr., sixteen, is only five feet four and there's only a hundred pounds of him. But it's all the stuff of heroes.

About 4 o'clock this morning William was awakened by a thud in the kitchen of his home on the fifth floor of 81 Wadsworth Avenue. He shared a bedroom with his father, William Grier Sr., thirty-eight, and his father's bed was empty.

William had been worried about his father lately. The parent had been brooding because he could [illegible] to do. Back into the apartment he turned and one by one dragged his unconscious mother and sisters from the gas-filled room into the hallway.

A neighbor heard his cries and called police. They found William crying over the inert forms of his mother and sisters.

Nine tanks of oxygen were used before the woman and girls were restored to consciousness and pronounced out of danger.

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N. J. "COMPLETES" HAUPTMANN CASE

Wilentz Confers With Police and Aids on Plans for Murder Trial

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in the county jail at Flemington are entirely in the hands of Sheriff John H. Curtiss, Wilentz said.

"Colonel Schwarzkopf and I have nothing to do with that," said the Attorney General.

Has Lost Thirty Pounds

Sheriff Curtiss, at Flemington, said he would not allow Hauptmann any reading matter. The guards have been instructed to talk with the prisoner only when he requests something.

Hauptmann exhibited a better appetite over the week end, Curtiss said. Saturday the carpenter ate virtually nothing.

His weight is down to 130 pounds. He weighed 180 when he was arrested September 19.

City Rebuilds Garage

It cost the city $200 to search Bruno Richard Hauptmann's garage for Lindbergh ransom money.

The small garage, across the street from the Hauptmann home at 1279 East 222d Street, The Bronx, was leveled to the ground by police carpenters and detectives. In all, $13,760 of the ransom money was found there.

Police have now rebuilt the garage. All but one of the studs used by Hauptmann in building were used by police in the reconstruction. he one stud in which several hundred dollars was found was held as evidence.

The Hauptmanns' apartment was not badly torn up by searchers. The closet door on which was written Dr. John F. Condon's telephone number was taken out and held as evidence. It was the only replacement i nthe house.

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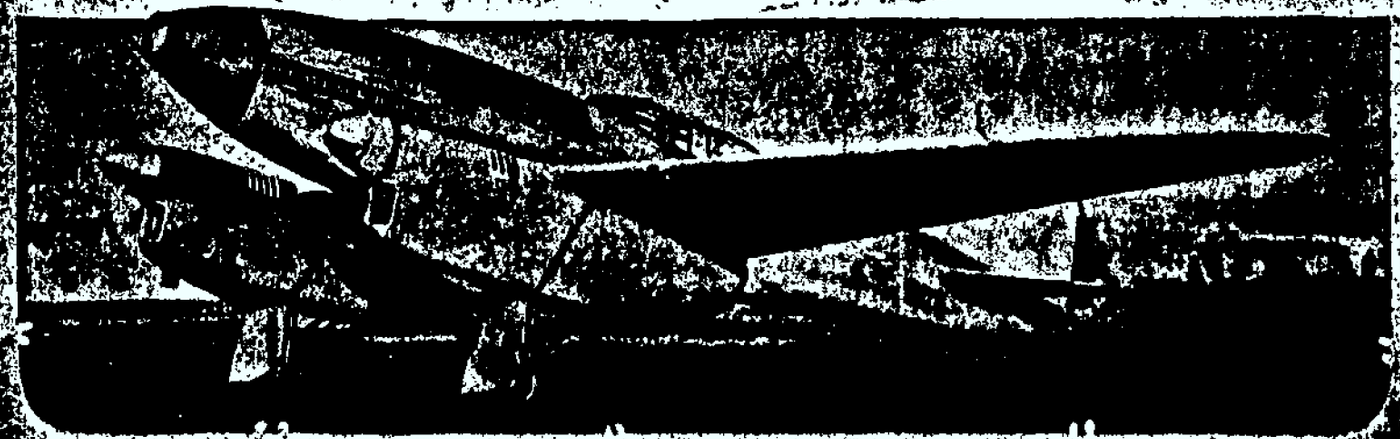
'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD SHOT BY OHIO COP, TRAPPED IN WOODS



POSSE TAKES CHUM

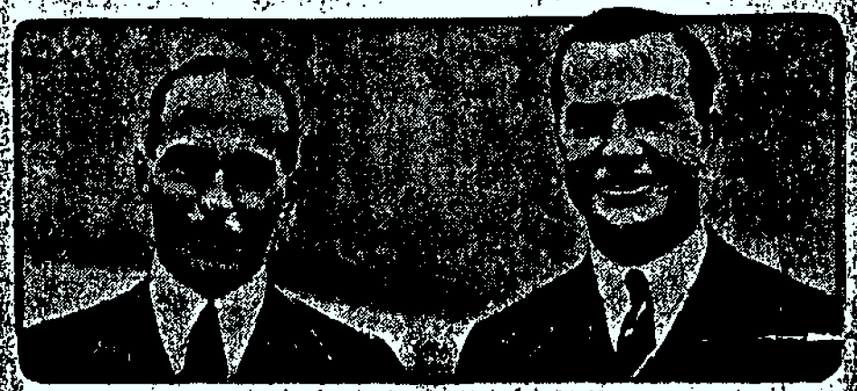
WELLSVILLE, O., Oct. 22 (UP).—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd is wounded and a fugitive in woods near here and his henchman, Adam Richetti, is a

The Gipsy VI in which England leads the race!

(International)

(Mirror)

A "SECOND ROTHSTEIN" they called Joseph Lee, and it was like Rothstein that he died. This photo-drawing in hobo attire was one of the favorite pictures of the late "big-time" percentage king. *Story on Page 8*



(International)

The pace-setters: T. Campbell Black (left) and C. W. A. Scott.

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AMERICA'S HOPES were centered in Turner and Pangborn now in 3rd place in the Melbourne race. Scott and Black of England are leading.

"HE CAUSED MY TROUBLES . . . I'm through with him." Thus did Mrs. Frances Robinson definitely break from her husband, Thomas Robinson, Jr., who is sought for the Stoll kidnaping. She told how she feared the fugitive.

Mrs. Frances Robinson, wife of kidnaper

and a fugitive in woods near here and his henchman, Adam Richetti, is a prisoner in Wellsville jail.

Police made this disclosure tonight after a carload of bandits armed with submachine guns and sawed off shotguns had raced through the main street, firing bursts

Charles Floyd.

of shots in the air and terrorizing townsfolk.

The shooting in which Floyd was wounded occurred yesterday when police pursued bandits believed responsible for the Tiltonville bank robbery of Friday.

Battle in Roadway

Police Chief James H. Fulta was positive of his identification of Floyd. Confirmation that the wounded man was Floyd was issued by the Department of Justice at Washington.

Floyd left a heavy bloodstain on the cushions of an automobile

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2 BRITISH FLIERS NEAR AUSTRALIA; AMERICANS THIRD

ALLAHABAD, India, Oct. 31 (UP)—Colt Benson Turner and Clyde Pangborn, American flyers, took off for Singapore at 11:46 p. m. (GMT), hoping to make up lost time in their quest for the prize in the London-Melbourne air race.

SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Oct. 31 (UP)—Racing down over the treacherous South Seas, two British fliers in a De Havilland Comet plane outdistanced the field tonight, taking off for Kupang, on Timor island, in the Netherlands East Indies, far ahead of the remaining 14 contestants in the Melbourne-London air race.

The flyers, C. W. A. Scott and T. Campbell Black, making a non-stop 1,000-mile flight on the longest leg of the race, left Allahabad at 11:45 p. m. (GMT). They were expected to reach Kupang at 11:30 a. m. (GMT) today, after a hard pull from Singapore. Black, a Canadian, and Scott, a native of Australia, by

Blames Trail

CHARLES W. SCOTT

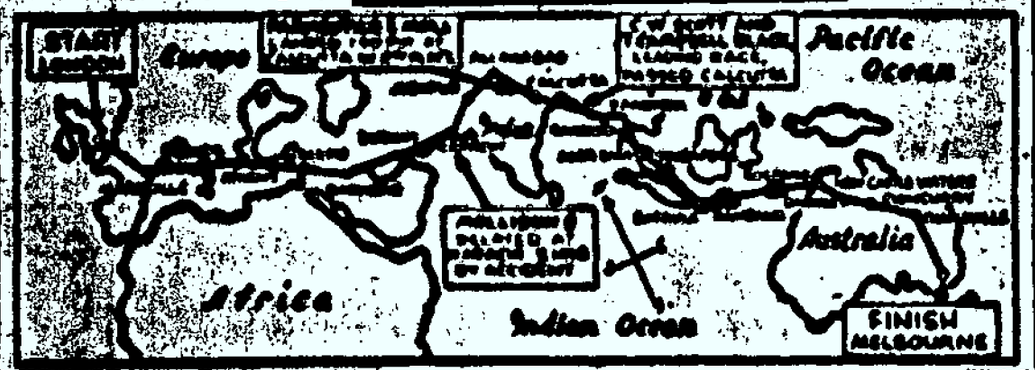
Englishman heads second Melbourne leading the pack.

$3,500 SETTLES SUIT OF HUSBAND'S DEATH

Mrs. Jessie Schmidt of Hoopeston has obtained court approval of a settlement of $3,500 made in her suit for damages against the Jewel Tea Company, Inc., for the death of her husband, Charles Schmidt, who, while employed as a truck driver, [illegible]

Ill Luck Pursues the Mollisons

Amy and Jim Mollison, the well-known English flying team who were forced by motor trouble to give up the lead in the English-Australia race. They blamed the trail as far as Karachi, India.



The world's greatest air race from London to Melbourne continued yesterday, with crashes and forced landings reducing fleets for several positions. Charles W. Scott and T. Campbell Black, English crew, were stopped from leaving the land after passing Calcutta, India, and K. D. Parmenter and J. J. Mulle, the Australian team, crashed in their landplane at Calcutta. The Mollisons, who earlier were showing their phase with the rest, dropped out at Karachi.

RUM KING SLAIN IN "CUBAN PLOT?"

By ROBERT BARRE

Pretty Boy Wounded; Pal Taken

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he commandeered in a desperate effort to outrun pursuit.

Search for two bandits, one of whom resembled Floyd, began Friday when the People's Bank at Tiltonville was robbed of $[illegible]. Yesterday afternoon Chief Fultz received a telephone tip that two suspicious men had spent the night in a house near the town.

With Special Officers Will Irwin and Grover Potts, Fultz drove to the spot named. In the road he encountered a man, questioned

RAYMOND J. CAFFREY

Federal agent for whose murder Floyd was sought.

him and passed on toward another man. As he approached the second man, the first—who was Floyd—shouted:

"Begin shooting, Adam."

Richetti whipped out a .45 automatic and began firing. As he came down, Floyd opened fire from the other direction.

STEALS TWO CARS.

death of her husband, Joseph. Mr. Schmidt was, while employed as a truck patrolman, killed [illegible] north of [illegible]

VICTIM OF GAS SAVED BY COP

[illegible]

Meets said they hoped to reach Darwin, [illegible] in Australia, by [illegible] one of the most spectacular flights in the history of aviation, covering approximately [illegible] miles. They [illegible] more than two-thirds of the 11,000-mile dash [illegible] in two days, a flying time which eclipsed all other records in the race.

A cable from London declares, "The [illegible] Comets cannot catch up," [illegible] said prior to leaving. "And [illegible] therefore going to use

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[illegible] A LIAR

By ROBERT BARKE

Three hours after he had vainly tried to lure two members of a highly secretive Cuban Government mission from their Hotel Pennsylvania suite to a promised "girl party," Joseph Lee, 42, described by the police as a "second Arnold Rothstein," was put "on the spot" yesterday.

His body, with three .38-calibre bullets in his head, was found on the sidewalk opposite a garage at No. 211 W. 51st St., in the heart of the tough San Juan Hill district.

Lee, known as a big shot

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fire revolver and began firing. At the same time, Floyd opened fire from the other direction.

STEALS TWO CARS.

The chief, directing his shots at Floyd, shot the outlaw through the back. The bullet passed completely through Floyd's body.

Meantime the chief and his aids overpowered Richetti. Patty was wounded in the leg.

Floyd, pressing his hands to his wound, fled down the road where he encountered George MacMillan driving an old Ford automobile.

Hailing MacMillan, he offered

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Tut Sees Clans [illegible] Of New Deal

SUDBURY, Mass., Oct. 21 (UP).—Henry Ford at his famous Wayside Inn yesterday revealed that he had received extortion letters "by the bagful" adding "and they're not from cranks, either."

Ford characterized the Roosevelt administration as a "Santa Claus" administration. He expressed the opinion that the letting up on "this CWA, NRA, ERA business," with which he showed little sympathy, is an indication that "general business is getting better."

Discussing the monetary system, he declared:

"There never will be inflation in this country. The people will never go to work as long as you hand them money on a platter," he added.

He said the CWA, the NRA and ERA "did more harm than good."

Hawaiian Bank Deposits Grow.

HONOLULU, Hawaii, Oct. 21 (U.P.).—Indicative of Hawaii's swift commercial growth since it became part of the United States is the fact that total bank deposits in the islands in 1901 were only $4,000,000, compared with $74,[illegible] in 1932.

Bankers Eye "New Deal" As a Buffer

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22 (UP).—Nation's bankers feel the time has come for them to take a more active part in the battle for recovery, Francis M. Law, president of the American Bankers' Association, said tonight.

On the eve of one of the most momentous conventions in the history of the Association, Law declared the bankers no longer fear uncontrolled currency inflation and are looking toward the future with optimism.

In the background, too, it was stated, is the feeling that the "New Deal" may become a buffer at the next session of Congress between the people and drastic reforms likely to be proposed by a potentially "left-wing" House and Senate.

MRS. J. D. SHERMAN IN CRITICAL STATE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (US).—Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, 76, of Denver, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, was in a critical condition today from injuries suffered Friday when struck by a bus. She is suffering from concussion of the brain and has not regained consciousness. [illegible] will be saved.

Dern Inspects 'Flood Control' In Mississippi

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 21 (UP).—Secretary of War George H. Dern sailed down the Mississippi River today with a staff of engineers and assistants on his first inspection of flood control conditions.

Secretary Dern

The Secretary and his official group, riding on the S. S. Mississippi will land at Memphis Monday and will be given an official welcome by Mayor Watkins Overton and other official and civic leaders. He will be guest of honor at a luncheon at noon.

REPORTED "AFIRE," SHIP DOCKS SAFELY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 21 (UP).—The German freighter, S. S. Rio De Janeiro, was safely docked at Victoria today, according to radio messages, after reporting itself afire ten miles off Cape Rio Thomas. [illegible] said red to one

Nazi Urges 'Farm Brides' For Soldiers

DESSAU, Oct. 21 (UP).—A Nazi party lecturer on eugenics, named Eggeling, today advocated that garrisons be removed from big cities to the countryside in order to prevent soldiers from marrying city girls. Eventually deteriorating the race.

Eggling added that storm troops ought be constantly supervised from the eugenic viewpoint with betrothals subject to approval by storm troop superiors.

R F C MONEY ENDS BANK RECEIVERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (US).—The Administration's plan to aid depositors of banks in receivership and to end costly receivership, has been applied to the First National Bank of Milton, N. D. Comptroller - General J. F. T. O'Connor announced today the RFC has loaned $15,918 on the bank's remaining assets.

Fishkill-Stormville Highway.

Thomas A. Brogan, a Yonkers contractor, has been awarded the contract to build the 8-mile Fishkill-Stormville State highway in Dutchess County and has started preliminary work on the project.

Hurricane Hits Pacific Coast, Killing Seven

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 21.—(UP)—Winds of hurricane proportion lashed the Puget Sound country today, killing seven persons, sinking a "purse" seiner and destroying dwellings.

The seiner Agnes, out of Ballard, Wash., went down off Point Wilson. Five of her crew of seven were drowned.

The same storm which caused the steamer Floridian to send out an SOS tore the American mail liner President Madison from her berth at Pier 46, Seattle.

AGED WOMAN SHOT WHILE PICKING WOOD

State Troopers searched yesterday for an unidentified hunter who shot and wounded Mrs. Mary Rundell, 67, of Gardnertown, N. Y., with birdshot as she was picking up wood in the brush near her home. It is believed the hunter failed to see her.

RUHR MINE BLAST KILLS 7, INJURES 4

BERLIN, Oct. 21 (US).—Seven persons were killed and four injured today in an explosion in the Constantine Mines at Hamm in the Ruhr district.

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real estate deals, gambler, loan shark and bootlegger, had no police record despite his long criminal career, according to the police.

Any number of motives were advanced for his having been slain, including the fact that he was in possession of highly important Cuban Government plans as shown by his visit to the Cuban Navy mission, which was here to purchase some $800,000 worth of ships from the United States.

Unknown and unannounced, Lee, who had returned from a week visit to Havana with his son-in-law, wife, Betty, a former orchestra saxophonist, appeared at the Cuban envoy's suite and desperately strove to induce Dr. Joseph Tesis and Capt. Albert Guanova, Cuban Naval Aide, to accompany him on a trip of his "hot spots."

"We [illegible] of this because no one knew of were here," Det. Taylor said, adding Deputy Chief Inspector Frank McKeon, in charge of detectives, "He said he had several girls and that while here we could have a good time together. When we [illegible] he insisted on [illegible]

1060 Uniondale Rd., the home, and a 25-year-old son, Michael, who identified his father's body in the morgue. Mrs. Lee left her husband about four years ago, it was said.

"Betty Lee," who said her real name was Beulah Lee, first met her ex-husband, racketeer in Cleveland, where he had extensive real estate holdings, several years ago, according to her story.

"We left my apartment together about 6 p. m. Saturday," she told police. "We went to the Lobster Restaurant, near Union Square, where we had dinner, leaving about an hour later. My husband had $1,100 in cash and Nat Wexler's check in his pocket at that time.

"After dinner we walked up Broadway as far as 50th St., where he left me, saying he had to keep an appointment with Max Gold, a bootlegger, in his apartment at the Hotel Windsor, 58th St. and 9th Ave. I went directly home."

Gold, taken to the W. 68th St. station house for questioning, admitted he had been associated with the slain racketeer in a Cuban rum deal which Lee had handled while in Havana.

"He told me he had to keep an appointment at the Hotel Pennsylvania," Gold told Inspector Kear. "He didn't say who

THE LATE JOSEPH LEE
Described as "the second

PRETTY BOY WOUNDED; FLEES INTO OHIO WOOD

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$10 for a ride to Akron or Youngstown. Once in the car he threatened MacMillan with his revolver and attempted to staunch the flow of blood from the wound in his abdomen.

MacMillan turned his car toward Lisbon, hoping to encounter police. Finally he wrecked the machine.

Floyd then stopped James Baum, florist. Putting MacMillan with Baum in the front seat of Baum's car he directed them from the back.

Near the outskirts of Lisbon, the car encountered a barricade built by police. At Floyd's growled directions, Baum turned his machine around and attempted to flee. A Lisbon police car sped up the road in pursuit.

POSSE CLOSES IN.

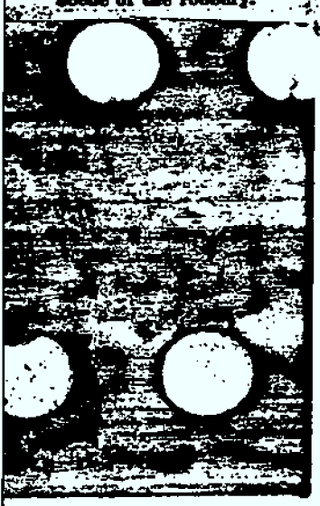
It contained deputies Paul Early and George Hayes and Lisbon policeman George Patterson. The police auto quickly overtook Baum and the officers fired at the three occupants with pistols. Baum was wounded slightly.

A posse of 200 men—deputies and armed farmers—who swung in a wide circle around the woods. This group was still searching tonight. The trail was getting colder and there was no trace of Floyd, but police were confident he was hemmed in.

THE DENVER POST, Denver, Colo., 10-23-34

Think He's Hit and Hiding

PRETTY BOY FLOYD
Who is believed to have been badly wounded in a fight with an Ohio sheriff following a bank robbery, and who is being sought in a woodland hideout near the scene of the robbery.



BANDIT FLOYD IS WOUNDED IN PISTOL BATTLE

Pretty Boy Twice Escapes Police in Ohio; Confederate, Wanted for Kansas City Massacre, Is Captured

(CRIME NEVER PAYS)

Wellsville, O., Oct. 22.—Armed and ready to "shoot it out," federal, state and county officers Monday beat thru woods in this district seeking Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

The Oklahoma outlaw was believed to be badly wounded.

Meanwhile, Adam Richetti, the Oklahoma killer's henchman, was lodged in jail here by federal authorities as a fugitive long sought in connection with the Kansas City union station massacre.

Melvin Purvis, head of the midwest division of the department of justice, superintended the search in co-operation with Police Chief James H. Fultz, whose statement that he was "positive" of Floyd's identification, led to the manhunt.

This latest episode in the wild and blood-stained career of the middle west's greatest remaining desperado came as the climax to a gun duel between police and Floyd. The shooting occurred Saturday when police pursued bandits believed responsible for the robbery of the Tiltonville bank at Tiltonville, on the Ohio river, Friday.

While the search went on, heavily armed cordons of police patrolled the area around the local jail to prevent any attempt by other members of the group of hoodlums to deliver Richetti.

BOTH IDENTIFIED AS BANK ROBBERS.

Richetti, department of justice agents said, was identified by two employes of the Tiltonville bank as one of the men who robbed the institution of $500. Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was also named by the

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[illegible] Floyd [illegible] chief [illegible] Will [illegible] to a [illegible] in [illegible] that two [illegible] right [illegible]

Dressed in plain clothes, the chief left his car and approached a man in the roadway. The man was Floyd, the officer said. After questioning this man, Fultz passed him and began walking toward the second man.

As he approached the latter, Floyd shouted, according to the police head:

"Begin shooting, Adam."

Richetti whipped out a large caliber revolver and opened fire. Floyd, at the same time, opened fire from the other side. The police chief, caught in the cross-fire, drew his own weapon, and firing at the Oklahoma desperado, shot the outlaw. The bullet was believed to have passed completely thru Floyd's body.

TWO OFFICERS OVERPOWER RICHETTI.

Meanwhile, the two special officers overpowered Richetti. Fultz was wounded in the leg in the exchange of shots.

"Pretty Boy," wounded and pressing his hands to his abdomen in an effort to stop the flow of blood, fled down the highway where he encountered George MacMillan driving an old light automobile.

MacMillan said Floyd offered him $10 to drive him to Akron or Youngstown. Hoping to encounter police officers, MacMillan turned his car toward Lisbon. He finally wrecked his car and Floyd then stopped a florist, James Baum.

Putting MacMillan with Baum in the front seat, the hoodlum continued to direct their movements from the rear seat emphasizing his remarks with the muzzle of his revolver. Nearing the outskirts of Lisbon the tri came upon a police barricade.

FLOYD ONCE MORE ESCAPES IN GUNFIRE.

In sharp and severe words, Floyd growled directions to Baum to turn the car and attempt to flee. The Lisbon officers, noticing the maneuver, took up the chase. They quickly overcame the gunman and his two hostages.

The police opened the fire on the three men. Baum was slightly wounded in the blast from the officer's guns. Escaping once more from withering shots, Floyd leaped from the car and dashed into the dense underbrush, leaving blood stains on Baum's machine's cushions.

In his heavily guarded cell Richetti talked freely, but denied that Floyd was with him Saturday.

"I only met him (Floyd) once in my life," Richetti said. "That was about a year ago."

RICHETTI DENIES PART IN MASSACRE.

Richetti smiled when he was asked if he had any [illegible] in the Kansas City [illegible]

Asked if he had really admitted [illegible] to federal agents, Richetti said:

"What else could I do. They brought my fingerprints along. Couldn't say anything else."

Nothing with Purvis here [illegible] other federal agents.

"We have information that definitely links Floyd and Richetti with the Kansas City massacre," Purvis said. "We have proof that Richetti participated and was one of the triggermen in that crime."

ROCKY MOUNTAIN [illegible], Denver, Colo., [illegible]

Caught

NOTORIOUS KILLER BELIEVED TRAPPED IN FOREST IN OHIO

Sheriff Says Bullet [illegible] Passed Completely [illegible] His Body; [illegible] Henchman Ric[illegible]

Wellsville, Ohio, [illegible] hidden in a wood near here today [illegible] sheriffs and vigilantes were [illegible] received 4 wounds [illegible]

[illegible]

The posse [illegible] woods [illegible] Police were sure Floyd could not have escaped [illegible] was by a hole from [illegible] the middle of his stomach. [illegible]

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NOTORIOUS BELIEVED T IN FOREST

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1934. KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST.

Floyd and Aide Rank High in Federal List of Most Wanted Public Enemies

Five Other Desperadoes Besides Pair From Southwest Are Objects of Widespread Justice Department Hunt.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and his captured lieutenant, Adam Richetti, rank high on the government's list of most wanted "public enemies."

On the list with them are five other desperate men—four with long and notorious criminal records, including cold-blooded murders, and the fifth the psychopathic youth sought as the abductor of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll.

Justice department agents have been hunting Floyd and Richetti for a year, but it was only ten days ago the department announced definitely it had identified them as two of the machine gunners who had slaughtered Federal Agent Raymond J. Caffrey, three police officers and a federal prisoner in the Kansas City massacre of June 17, 1933. The third gunman was Verne Miller, who was slain last year by gangland enemies near Detroit.

Aid Ohio Authorities.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of justice agents, kept in constant touch by

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long distance with the situation in Ohio. He rushed federal agents to the spot to aid Ohio authorities in the hunt for Floyd.

The department said Wellsville, O., had refused first requests to surrender Richetti to federal custody. It was expected arrangements would be effected later, however, to bring him to trial on the Kansas City charges.

Aside from Floyd and Richetti, federal agents are hunting:

Lester M. Gillis, alias "Baby Face" Nelson—Dillinger machine gunner, charged with the murder of Federal Agent W. Carter Baum in the clash between federal men and the Dillinger mob near Rhinelander, Wis., last April.

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr.—The Nashville, Tenn., youth wanted for the Stoll kidnaping.

Five Especially Marked.

John Hamilton—Escaped Indiana bank robber, member of the Dillinger gang, wanted in Ohio for murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber of Lima.

Alvin Karpis and Arthur Barker—Wanted by the federal government as ringleaders of the band that kidnaped Edward Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Officially, the justice department recognizes no specific list of public enemies. Its special file of most potentially dangerous characters totals over 6,000. Its work on scores of cases daily. But these five are the ones especially marked.

Gillis or "Baby Face" Nelson is the only one of the seven for whom a federal reward is outstanding—$5,000 for his capture and $2,500 for information.

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GRAND JURY IN [illegible] MASSACRE INVESTIGATION

CHARLES CAROLLA

CHARLES GARGOTTA

B. H. THURMAN "JEFF" RAYEN

RAYEN—A police lieutenant, in charge of the motor theft bureau at headquarters.

THURMAN—Former chief of detectives and later a detective who went to the scene of the massacre and will tell the jury what he saw.

KILLEBREW[illegible]—Sheriff of [illegible] County, Missouri, who was accompanied by Charles Gargotta, Jeff Rayen and Adam Bichelli the day before the massacre in Bolivar, Mo., and released the same night in the national industrial quarter.

A PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE STAR SNAPS SOME OF THE [illegible]
TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY [illegible]

DOMINICK BINAGGO

JOE LUSCO

DR. PETER DE MARIA

DR. D.M. NIGRO

BINAGGIO—A Twelfth street gambler and a close friend of the late John Lazia. His testimony is believed to concern Lazia's activities in Kansas City.

LUSCO—A friend of Lazia. He has been named in a [illegible] will soon before the jury.

[illegible]—Companion of Lazia the night the Democratic leader was slain at the Park Central hotel. A close associate of Lazia.

GARGOTTA—A Lazia lieutenant who was tried and acquitted in state court of the murder of Harry Anderson at Linwood boulevard and Prospect avenue. Lazia convicted in federal court for [illegible] government [illegible].

DR. DE MARIA [illegible]

Kansas City Star - Oct. 22, 1934

KANSAS MASSACRE LED U. S. TO FLOYD

Outlaw-Killer Sought Since Slaying of Five Men in Attempted Delivery.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 22.—(AP)—The plot of a gangster to free his friend in crime from arresting officers exploded here June 17, 1933, with a detonation heard in every police department of the nation.

The repercussions of it today included:

The slaying of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, outlaw-killer of Oklahoma's Cookson Hills, near East Liverpool, O.

The detention of Adam Richetti, bank robber and right-hand man of Floyd, in jail at Wellsville, O.

The opening here of a federal grand jury investigation into the machine gun slaying of five men at the Union Station plaza here that fatal June 17.

Once Sheriff, Turned Gangster.

Curing out from that gangster plot have come questions which officers, working both in secret and in the open, have sought to untangle. Those questions include:

Was there a link between crime and politics in Kansas City?

Was there a connection to be found in the Union Station slayings and the gangster slaying of a powerful Kansas City politician?

The plotting gangster was Verne C. Miller, who turned from a career as a South Dakota sheriff to prohibition violation and crime. That led him to friendships with gangsters, among them Frank Nash, an Oklahoma train robber.

Nash escaped the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and while free he purportedly smuggled into the Kansas Penitentiary at Lansing, Kan., the guns which eleven convicts used in escaping May 30, 1933, with the warden, Kirk Prather, in custody.

Heard of Government Plans.

But the crime trail ended for Nash at Hot Springs, Ark. Officers decided to return him by train to Kansas City and change to a motor car for the remainder of the trip to Leavenworth.

In Kansas City, Verne Miller heard of the government plans. How he did is one of the questions for which the grand jury now seeks the answer.

The gangster kept telephone lines busy between Chicago, Hot Springs and Joplin, Mo. There was a mysterious airplane flight from Hot Springs to Joplin and investigators reported learning later that Mrs. Nash was aboard. Federal authorities also assert that Louis Stacci, a Chicago gangster, telephoned from Chicago, ordering that Nash be freed.

Pushed Sheriff Into Car.

While that was going on, Floyd and a companion, believed to have been Richetti, appeared at a garage in Bolivar, Mo., to have their motor car repaired. Their visit was interrupted by the appearance of Jack Killingsworth, sheriff of Polk County, Missouri.

Floyd and his companion displayed guns, pushed Killingsworth into a car and roared away toward Kansas City. On the way they abandoned one car and seized another and its driver, Walter Griffith of Clinton, Mo.

The two were released that night in the Kansas City vicinity. The story then is picked up by a government informant, Jimmie La Capra, a small-time gangster who has told investigators of a meeting that night between Miller, loyd and Richetti. Supposedly, Floyd was induced by Miller to join in the attempt to free Nash when he arrived the next morning.

Few Realized What Happened.

Shortly after 7 a. m., June 17, 1933, Nash arrived on a train in custody of Otto Reid, McAlester (Okla.) chief of police. At the station he was joined by other officers, including R. J. Caffrey, a special agent of the Department of Justice, and two Kansas City police detectives, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson.

The officers, guns ready, walked out of the station to the waiting motor car in the plaza. Few onlookers even realized what was going on.

As Nash was seated in the front seat there was a command voiced curtly by a man in a near-by car.

"Put 'em up. Up. Up," was the order.

Grooms drew his gun and fired. The man who gave the order, presumably Floyd, swayed as if wounded.

"Let 'em have it," someone shouted.

Simultaneously there was a burst of machine gun and pistol fire.

Four Killed With Nash.

Grooms, Hermanson, Caffrey and Reid fell dying.

"For God's sake don't shoot me," shouted Nash in the front seat.

But it was too late. The gangsters apparently thought Nash would be seated in the back seat and bullets droned death for the man they had sought to free. An officer in the back seat, apparently mistaken for Nash, escaped unscathed as he crouched low.

Near the machine hid R. E. Vetterli, in charge of the Kansas City offices of the Bureau of Investigation. Wounded slightly in one arm, he brought his pump gun into action as the gangsters fled but it was too late.

That night while the biggest man hunt in Kansas City police history was under way, Floyd and Richetti, according to information which La Capra gave the government, remained in hiding here.

Miller even became so bold as to venture to the Union Station for a conference with some friends. One of the present tasks of the federal grand jury is to investigate reports that the slain John Lazia, powerful politician on the North Side, aided Floyd and Richetti in getting safely out of town.

Slain From Ambush.

The light which Lazia himself might have shed on the matter was extinguished by gangster bullets fired from ambush last July.

The investigation of officers turned first to telephone records. Officials of telephone companies of Chicago, Hot Springs and Joplin are among witnesses who have been subpenaed.

The presence of so many calls from these cities to a Kansas City house resulted in an investigation which disclosed that the house had been rented by Verne Miller. The search was on. But before it could catch up with Miller other gangsters who feared the hunt would envelope them silenced Miller by killing him near Detroit.

Then it was learned from witnesses that a man who appearpd at the ticket window that fatal morning to ask the arrival time of the train carrying Nash was Harvey Bailey, one of the convicts in the break at the Kansas Penitentiary.

The orders went out for Bailey's arrest. But in the meantime Charles F. Urschel, oil millionaire, had been kidnaped at Oklahoma City and released only after payment of ransom reported to have totaled $200,000. Bailey's crime trail ended at Paradise, Tex., and he was sentenced in Oklahoma to life imprisonment.

Officers got their big "break," however, when La Capra was arrested in Kansas. They knew he was an important man because gangsters had twice tried to kill him. Protected by a heavy guard in a death cell of the Jackson County Jail La Capra began to talk.

Shortly after he did the word went out that the three killers at the station were Floyd, Richetti and Miller.

Miller was dead. Floyd and Richetti, in sore need of money, almost fell into a trap in central Missouri. They were reported seen near Moberly, Mo., earlier this month and authorities converged on the spot, their movements directed by an airplane with two-way communication. The outlaws escaped, but the money problem forced them into a $500 holdup in Ohio and that proved the end.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1934.

A RICHETTI MURDER CHARGE

Boone County Adds to Effort to Get Him From Ohio.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

COLUMBIA, Mo., Oct. 22.—First degree murder warrants for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti were issued here this afternoon by W. H. Sapp, Boone County prosecutor, and will be taken immediately to Wellsville, O., to be added to the efforts of federal agents and Sheriff Bash of Kansas City to return Richetti to Missouri, and for the return of Floyd in case the notorious outlaw is captured.

The warrants here charge Floyd and Richetti with the slaying in June, 1933, of Sheriff Roger Wilson and Ben Booth, highway patrolman, who had sought to question two men in a motor car at the junction of U. S. highways 40 and 63 about a bank robbery that day in Mexico, Mo. This occurred on the day before the union station massacre at Kansas City.

Sapp said he issued the warrants at the request of Col. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the state highway patrol.

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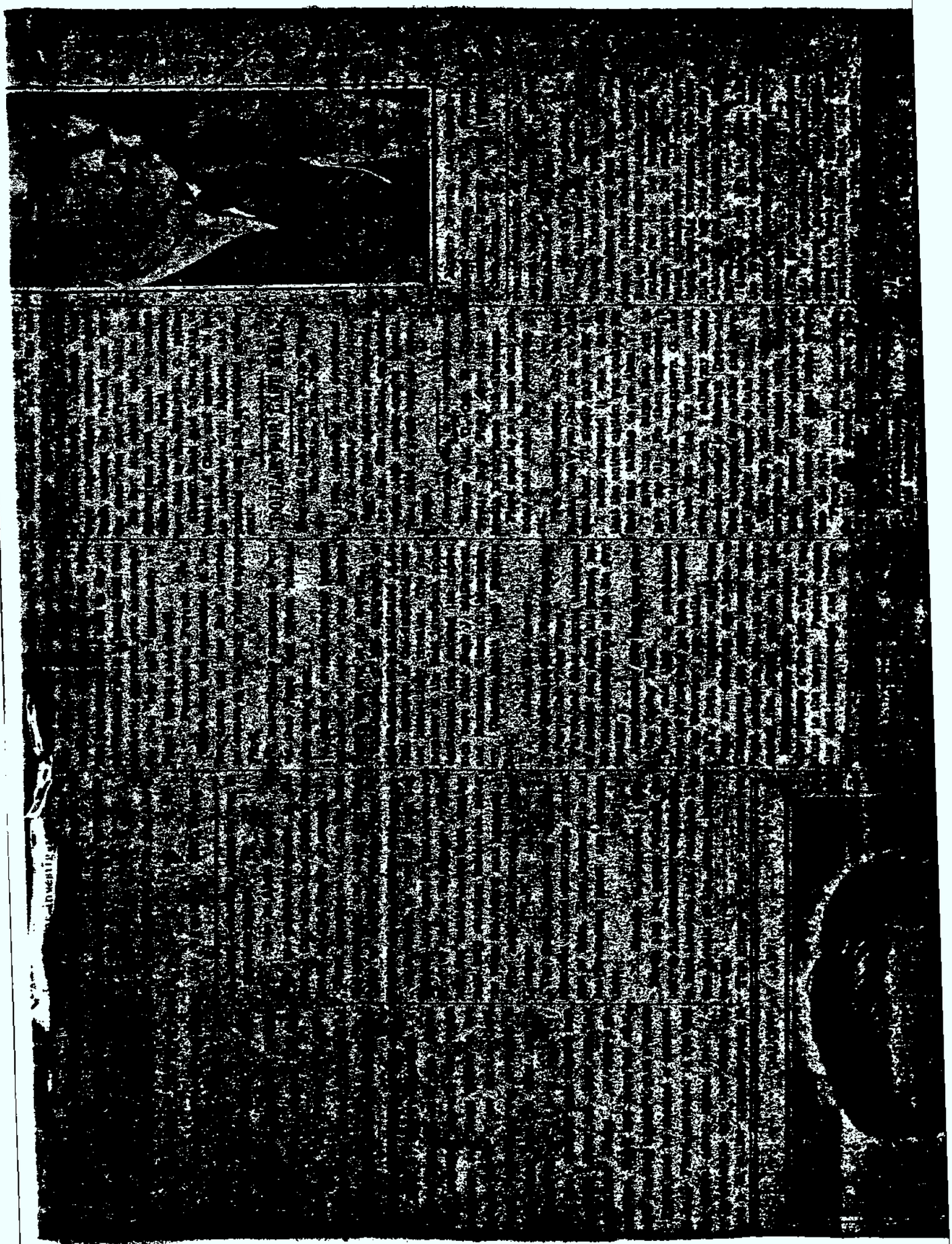
KANSAS CITY STAR

FLOYD TRAPPED, SLAIN

Desperado Wanted in the Kansas City Massacre Is Shot Down by Federal Agents Near East Liverpool, O.

STOP TO EAT IS FATAL

MELVIN PURVIS HEADS THE PURSUIT



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