

# MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL CAUGHT

### St. Joseph Police Capture Frederick Burke, Notorious Gangster, as He Sleeps. Accused of St. Valentine's Massacre.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Fred Burke, known as the most dangerous criminal in America because of his alleged wholesale murders and robberies, was captured without a struggle Thursday of last week.

At a farm house near Milan, Mo., four St. Joseph policemen, a sheriff and a rural constable surprised the killer in bed. He surrendered without a shot being fired.

Word of his arrest sent Chicago detectives racing to St. Joseph by automobile in the hope of being first to claim the prisoner. They carried warrants which charge Burke with being the assassin who lined up seven Moran gangsters in a Chicago garage St. Valentine's Day, 1929, and riddled their bodies with machine gun fire.

Meanwhile, Prosecutor W. N. Cunningham and Sheriff Fred Cutler left Benton Harbor, Michigan, in an effort to return him to stand trial for the slaying of Policeman Charles Skelly, December 4, 1929, at St. Joseph, Mich.

Burke is charged with a dozen or more murders, and robberies totaling at least a million dollars.

The capture, which ended a nationwide search for the man so badly wanted that \$50,000 in rewards have been offered for his apprehension, was the result of a farmer's observation, E. M. Mathews, chief of St. Joseph police, said.

Noticing that Burke displayed bills of large denomination and never left his automobile when visiting neighboring towns, the farmer reported his suspicions to the Department of Justice, which requested St. Joseph officers to investigate.

Officers armed with machine guns rushed into Burke's room at dawn on Thursday and seized him before he could reach for his gun or a nearby chair.

Burke apparently believed he was to be meted out vengeance. He expressed relief when he found his captors were officers instead of gangsters.

Brought to St. Joseph, he was identified by B. T. Andrews, superintendent of the battalion department. Burke first gave his name as Richard Franklin White, but later admitted his identity, officers said.

Confined in a specially constructed cell with two patrolmen detailed to guard him, the gunman today made non-committal replies to questions about his career.

Since becoming the subject of a widespread search, Burke had changed his appearance by growing a mustache. It covered a scar on his lip noted in a description of the gangster broadcast over the country.

## Democrats of South Move Against Raskob

Washington, D. C.—A definite movement in the Southern wing of the Democratic party was under way Friday to head off the anti-prohibition and economic proposals made by Chairman Raskob at the recent meeting of the national committee.

The movement, its leaders said, is designed to prevent approval of the Raskob program at the national convention next year and to make business conditions the paramount issue in 1932 by steering the party toward a liberal economic stand.

Southern Democrats are leading the movement which is an outgrowth of the conflict at the recent national committee meeting.

Plans for carrying it out were discussed by some of them at an informal conference last week in the office of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the Democratic leader.

Those who attended, in addition to Robinson, were Senators Swinson of Virginia, Hull of Tennessee and former Governor Byrd of Virginia.

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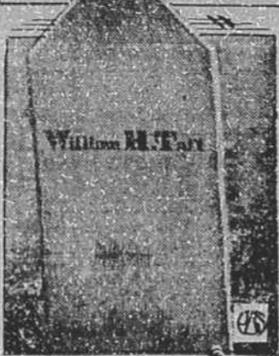
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**NOTICE**—This is to notify all persons concerned that an application is being made to the Governor for the pardon of G. T. Robbins, who is now serving a term of eighteen months in the State Prison for forgery. This March 25, 1931. 2-26-27 E. G. ROBBINS.

## His Simple Monument



A plain wooden headboard with his name painted on it is all that marks the last resting place, in Arlington Cemetery of the man who was President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

## DATE IS SETTLED FOR CRUCIFIXION

### Noted Berlin Theologian Has Discovered Data to Prove Theory. Much Research Made in Order to Fix Exact Day.

Berlin, Germany—Doubts as to the exact date of the crucifixion of Christ may have been set at rest by Professor Oswald Gerhardt, prominent Berlin theologian.

By collecting voluminous Biblical, historical and astronomical data he has fixed April 7 of the year 30 A. D. as the day on which the Saviour was executed.

Professor Gerhardt explains in a scientific journey that fixing this date was by no means a simple affair. As a matter of fact, arguments could be advanced that the crucifixion year might be 29, 30, 31, 32 or 33.

Jesus made his first appearance in public, Professor Gerhardt explains, after the advent of St. John the Baptist, which was, according to the gospel of St. Luke, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar. The Emperor Augustus having died A. D. 14, the fifteenth year might have been either A. D. 28 or 29.

But Tiberius had gubernatorial rank and privileges equal to the emperor while Augustus was still alive, and Roman provincial coins exist on which A. D. 12 is designated as the first year of Tiberius. That would make the baptism of Jesus by John occur in 26 or 27.

This tallies with the gospel of St. John, which says, 2-20, that Jesus first came to Jerusalem at the time when "forty and six years was the temple in building"; that is, in the spring of 27.

The gospels agree in fixing Christ's public activities as extending over three years and nine months. Jesus died on Friday in Passover, a feast beginning on the 14th Nisan. It was the next day that the crucifixion took place. What date, then, corresponds to Friday, the 15th Nisan?

The first day of the Jewish month was the one on which the young moon's crescent first became visible. Therefore the question resolved itself into this: In which of the years 29 to 33 did, after a new moon, the first Nisan fall on such a day that the 15th should be Friday?

To answer this astronomical problem, Professor Gerhardt studied tables by half a dozen scientists who had calculated the moon's periods and ascensions at Jerusalem. The result pointed to the April 7th of 1900 years ago as the exact date of the crucifixion.

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# TAMMANY BEGINS SWINGING BROOM

### Tiger Political House Cleaning Begins in Anticipation of Counting Visitors from State Capital. Mayor Still in California.

New York.—The clean-up broom swished furiously Tuesday as Tammany hastened to tidy up house against the coming of unbidden guests from Albany, the State capital. A legislature committee is coming to investigate the city from top to bottom.

Dust flew in the tenement house department and when it settled 383 men found themselves in new jobs. It was the most drastic shake-up in the department's history.

William F. Deegan, head of the department, said every inspector in Brooklyn had been transferred to Manhattan and vice versa. Inspectors in the three other boroughs also were affected. Deegan said he had found a shift ever so often was the way to get results.

Mayor James J. Walker, still in California, was reported to be considering changes in two other city bureaus—the department of markets and the board of standards and appeals.

A grand jury began investigating the case of Rollin C. Bastress, Queens Republican and chief inspector of the Manhattan Buildings bureau. He is accused of taking a bribe from Alderman Walter G. Jones, of Yorkers, a contractor. Jones waived immunity and went before the grand jury.

What impeded the dashing Ira Dutton, Civil War hero and successful business man, to forsake the world and seek atonement in a religious life was something he never told. Once, commenting on the approach of his ninetieth birthday he said with a twinkle in his eye that the graph of his life represented "45 years down, and 45 years up."

But while the secret of whatever he regarded as his sins was locked within his heart, it was said his conversion at the age of 40 and his desire to become a religious worker were regarded with some doubt by the Trappist brotherhood. The result was he remained through the rest of his life merely a lay brother, never admitted to full membership in the priestly order.

Dutton never contracted leprosy, although he lived 44 years in daily contact with its victims.

Regardless of the impulse which led him to Molokai, Brother Joseph was no mournful martyr. He found happiness in serving those lepers assigned to the group he supervised in Kalawao, one of the two towns making up the Molokai colony of five hundred-odd lepers.

Despite the threat of low prices this fall Harnett County farmers will probably increase their tobacco acreage by fifteen per cent, according to present indications.

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The famous German dirigible during this period carried 6,278 passengers in addition to the crew, 12,166 pounds of freight and 19,756 pounds of mail. The number of pieces of freight and mail amounted to 2,200,000.

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