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As the officers placed Nash in an automobile outside the Kansas City Union Station, about 7 a. m., for the last lap of their journey, a shout rang out:

"Let 'em have it."

The death dealing blasts of machine gun fire followed immediately.

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R. E. Vetterli, at that time agent in charge of the Kansas City office of investigation of the department of justice, and F. J. Lackey, another agent, were wounded.

A minute later the killers sped away in a motor car.

Nash Death Accidental

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Coincident with the capture of Nash in Hot Springs, Floyd and Richetti kidnaped Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Mo., in an encounter at Bolivar. At Osceola, Mo., the outlaws held up Walter Griffith and forced him to drive them, with the sheriff still a hostage, to Kansas City.

The sheriff and Griffith were released in the Kansas City industrial district, and Floyd and Richetti transferred to a sedan the two machine guns they were carrying. Later, they apparently joined their associate and went to the Union station to await the arrival of the officers and Nash.

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The Star says Jimmy La Capra, a gangster, "broke" the Union station slaying case. La Capra, who has survived two recent attempts of gangsters to kill him, is held in a death cell here for his own protection. He is not suspected of having any connection with the station slayings.

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William Stanley, assistant attorney general, said in Washington investigation had shown it was Galatas who informed Mrs. Nash her husband had been arrested at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Nash then communicated with the others, who arranged the rescue attempt, Stanley said.

Some Fugitives Dead.

The 15 persons named by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, as implicated in the case are Floyd, Richetti, Miller, Harvey Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Nash, Stacci, Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, Robert C. Brady, Mrs. Louise Conner, Hot Springs, Ark.; Frank Mulloy, Kansas City; Wilbur Underhill and Mrs. Vivian Miller, wife of the slain killer.

Underhill was slain some months ago in Shawnee, Okla. Brady was killed early this year near Paolo, Kans., as he fled from the Kansas state prison with several other convicts. Bailey, one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, is imprisoned in Alcatraz prison, in California.

In naming Floyd as one of the actual killers, the department of justice said the outlaw had been wounded in the skirmish at the Union station, "and since that time has successfully remained under cover."

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OTHERS MAY YET BE INVOLVED IN PLAZA KILLINGS

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have following an attempt by Kansas City gangsters to put him "on the spot" in Kansas several weeks ago, is reported to have given the government much of the information on which it bases its belief that Floyd, Miller and Ricchetti were the Union station slayers.

Binaggio and Mulloy mysteriously disappeared from their usual haunts last week and it was reported they had been taken into custody by government agents for questioning. When the pair returned to their homes here they would make no comment on their absence.

While Milligan and Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, who has aided the government in its investigation of the Union station case, refused to make any comment, persons who professed to know asserted Milligan's "other angle" referred to certain Kansas Cityans who are reported to have effected a meeting between Floyd, Miller and Ricchetti the night before th massacre.

It was rumored also that the "other angle" would include an investigation of a Kansas City physician's alleged treatment of Floyd, who was said by the government to have been wounded in the Union station shooting.

Still another rumor was to the effect that the "other angle" meant the grand jury would be given information concerning certain phases of racketeering said to be flourishing in Kansas City, and that a determined effort would be made by the government to learn through the grand jury investigation to whom the profits from certain rackets go.

Warrant for Pace.

Sheriff C. H. Foster, Anthony, Kas., wired Sheriff Bash Thursday that he held a felony warrant containing six counts against John Pace, alias Salvador Randazzo, alias Sam Randazzo.

Pace was arrested by Kansas authorities with Jerome Crets and Robert McCoy, in connection with the alleged attempt of the trio to put LaCapra "on the spot."

Sheriff Bash was said to be conducting an active investigation of the murder last Tuesday of Raymond (Pinky) Brashfield, Negro, who was found shot to death at Eighty-eighth street and Blue river.

Brashfield's feet and hands had been tied by his slayer. It is believed the sheriff sees some connection between the Negro's death and the activities of certain racketeers and gangsters. Brashfield, it was said, was the operator of a beer joint at 1023 Independence avenue. He had been arrested several times in the last two years, but there is no record showing he was ever convicted.

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A report Thursday that a former police official had been detained in another state for questioning by the government in connection with the Union station case could not be confirmed here. R. B. Nathan, special agent in charge of the division of investigation, department of justice, said he had not been informed of it.

LaCapra's Statement Play for Sympathy, Is View of Lazia's Friends

Although the government insists it has corrborated most of the evidence revealed Wednesday in the Union station massacre case, friends of John Lazia, whose name was drawn into the case allegedly through statement of Michael James LaCapra, that Lazia was the contact man who arranged the meeting between Verne Miller, Charles Floyd and Adam Ricchetti, expressed no surprise Thursday over LaCapra's statements.

They were not surprised, they indicated, that LaCapra would try to involve Lazia in the Union station massacre.

LaCapra, according to Lazia's followers, is the man who engineered the slaying of the North side politician in front of the Park Central hotel the night of July 10.

See Play for Sympathy.

They say LaCapra is the man who waited on Baltimore avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and telephoned three other gangsters when Lazia started from the downtown section for his hotel.

Now that he has been captured, they assert, it is only natural that he should talk, knowing as he does that Lazia's friends have named him as the politician's killer. They believe he is trying to gain the sympathy of the authorities through the disclosures he is said to have made.

Police announced several weeks ago they knew the names of Lazia's slayers. The gunman who killed him, police said, had been promised $[illegible] by and his life. At the time of the police announcement it was generally believed LaCapra's name was included among those known [illegible] [illegible].

Higgins is [illegible].

Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, Thursday declined to comment on the announcement by the division of investigation, department of justice, that the Union station [illegible] [illegible]

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Other Kansas Cityans May Yet Be Involved in Union Station Killings

Grand Jury to Hear at Least One 'Other Angle' of Massacre, U. S. District Attorney Promises.

From the United States district attorney's office came two announcements Thursday in connection with the forthcoming grand jury session at which evidence in connection with the Union station massacre will be preseted.

Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, announced Wednesday that Verne Miller, gangster, now dead; Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious Oklahoma slayer and bank robber, and Adam Ricchetti, Floyd's companion, definitely had been revealed as the gunmen who killed five men at the Union station, June 17, 1933.

Thursday Milligan said he would present at least one "other angle" for the jury's consideration when it convenes October 22.

Following on the heels of Milligan's statement came an announcement from Randall Wilson, assistant United States district attorney, that any wietnesses who appeared before the grand jury and changed the stories already told government agents, would be prosecuted for perjury.

Interpret "Other Angle."

It was stories told government agents within the last several weeks that led to the announcement Floyd, Miller and Ricchetti were the gunmen who killed Frank Nash, convict, and four officers who were returning him to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. The officers killed were Raymond J. Caffrey, agent of the division of investigation, department of justice; Frank Hermanson and William Grooms, Kansas City detectives, and Otto Reed, McAlester, Ok., police chief.

Wilson was prominent in the prosecution of Leonard L. Claiborne, former city detective, convicted of perjury following his testimony before the grand jury in the Charles Gargotta case. Gargotta was a henchman of the late John Lazia, North side politician, killed July 10 in front of the Park Central hotel.

Milligan's "other angle" was interpreted by some to mean that he would present to the grand jury evidence involving certain other residents of Kansas City in the Union station crime.

To Call 50 Witnesses.

Approximately fifty witnesses will be called before the jury, it was said. Among them, it was indicated, would be Michael James LaCapra, Kansas City racketeer, also known as Jimmie Needles; Frank B. (Fritz) Mulloy and Dominick Binaggio, a gambler.

The grand jury will be the same body that indicted Claiborne for perjury. The foreman of the jury is Townley Culbertson, vice president of the Commerce Trust company.

LaCapra, now in the county jail

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR [illegible]

STORIES BY FIFTY

[illegible] Federal Grand Jury Will [illegible] Such Evidence [illegible] Station Massacre.

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Witnesses Will Be Guarded Closely Against Intimidation, Attorney Asserts.

Those Who Will Testify Will Be Assembled the Day Before Jury Meets.

CONNECT UP MANY LINKS

Information Already In Establishes Facts in the Important Case.

Fifty men and women in Kansas City and in other communities have information regarding the union station massacre June 17, 1933, which will be useful to the federal grand jury in formulating indictments of those responsible for the slaying of five men in that battle.

The grand jury will meet in federal court October 22. It will be the same grand jury which indicted Charles Gargotta, acquitted in the state court of the spot murder of Ferris Anthon, and Leonard L. Claiborne, city detective, who was convicted in federal court of having given false testimony before the grand jury.

Witnesses to Be Protected.

Summonses for the fifty witnesses were being prepared today by Randall Wilson, an assistant United States district attorney. The summonses will be served by Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, and the witnesses, protected by watchful deputies of Mr. Dillingham's staff and agents of the division of investigation of the department of justice, will be assembled in Kansas City October 21.

The indictments to be returned, according to Mr. Wilson, will charge those named with conspiring to obstruct justice in the attempted liberation of Frank Nash, who was one of the men killed [illegible] the station plaza. No other charge can be voted by the federal investigating body, since the murders were not committed on government property, Mr. Wilson said. It will be up to the state of Missouri [illegible] charges and to prosecute [illegible].

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[illegible] Pretty Boy Floyd [illegible] the country at will.

Among the many [illegible] was one from [illegible] that the outlaw dressed as an old woman. Two women were driving from Muskogee to Oklahoma [illegible] when an old woman [illegible] a ride. The occupants of the car felt sorry for the "poor old lady" and stopped the car. At the outskirts of Oklahoma City the hitch-hiker asked to get out of the car and at the time asked the name of the driver who had been so friendly.

A few days later the woman who had given the "old woman" the lift received this card:

"Thanks for the ride." It was signed "Pretty Boy Floyd."

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will follow where repudiations occur in major facts.

The motor car furnished [illegible] the escape of Floyd and Richetti following the station shooting had been identified, it was learned, as a car stolen from a fire chief in St. Louis by Jack Gregory, believed to have been put on the spot in the Lazia murder. Gregory brought the car to Kansas City and because of its power and quick pick-up, it was used as a get-away car.

Gregory is said to have turned the car over to Sam Scola, after Sam Hogg, killed by Sheriff Thomas B. Bash when he surprised the [illegible] slayers. The car later was found near Cleveland. It had been burned, according to government information. A burned body also was found in the car.

Kansas Seeks a Gunman.

Sheriff Bash today received a telegram from C. H. Foster, sheriff of Harper County, Kansas, asking that John Pace be picked up and held for Harper County.

Pace was one of three men said to have attempted the life of Jimmie LaCapra in that county. Pace failed to appear when his case was called and a bond of $3,000 was forfeited in the Harper County district court, the sheriff's telegram stated. The other two men arrested with Pace were Gerome Crets and Robert McCoy, according to Sheriff Bash.

THE POLICE SAY NOTHING.

Massacre Is a Government Case, Coffey Asserts.

Police officials had little to say today about the federal government's disclosures in the union station massacre case. Chief Robert J. Coffey said it was a government matter, that the government made the investigation and obtained the information and that other than to express a willingness to co-operate with government agents and the sheriff's office, there was nothing to say.

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Many Hands in It.

As the federal agents viewed the crime soon after the echo of machine gun fire had died down, the attempted delivery of Nash, who was being returned to the federal prison, from which he had escaped, seemed to have been planned by a few men whose security depended on silence.

It did not seem possible at the time that a dozen or more persons had been instrumental in setting in motion the agencies of rescue for Nash that would culminate in the death of five men.

Yet the federal agents, tracing the human fuse from the first flash of Nash's apprehension in Arkansas, found a dozen men and women had taken an active part in it, and that fifty other persons knew about the plan before the massacre or soon afterward.

Mr. Wilson was unwilling today to reveal the names of those who will be called as witnesses in the case, a precaution against intimidation, he said.

The names of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti will be included for the first time in the list of those for whom indictments will be asked. It has been established by federal agents that Floyd and Richetti, with Verne Miller, were the handlers of the machine guns and pistols at the station.

Lazia a Factor, Too.

Deaths, mainly violent, gangland deaths, have eliminated some of the principals in the massacre. Miller's body was found near Detroit. Wilbur Underhill and Robert C. Brady, since slain, were sought in the case. John Lazia met death at the hands of machine gunners. He would have been called as a witness in the government's investigation, or he might have been included among those indicted if he were alive today, the government attorney said.

Mr. Wilson freely named Michael (Jimmy) LaCapra as a government witness. LaCapra is held in the Jackson County jail on a federal charge. He has made statements to federal agents giving information of the massacre and its perpetrators, and named Lazia as the man who put Verne Miller in touch with Floyd and Richetti, after refusing to assign any of the Lazia followers to help in freeing Nash.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas now is the only person in custody who has not been indicted in the conspiracy. She was arraigned yesterday on a complaint charging her with participation. With her at the time of arraignment was her husband, Richard Galatas, [illegible]

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[illegible] agents and the [illegible] was willing to say.

There was [illegible] around [illegible] Michael (Jimmy) LaCapra because of his linking of Lazia with the station slayings.

It was Lazia, LaCapra told officers, who arranged with Pretty Boy Floyd and Adam Richetti to aid Verne Miller in attempting a delivery of Frank Nash, which precipitated the massacre.

Lazia's friends say they do not believe that; that Lazia was a politician first and that he would have tried to avoid and prevent anything that would have turned the "heat" on Kansas City, such as the multiple slayings. What he desired, they said, was to prevent such act of violence so the rackets his "boys" were engaged in could be carried on without disturbance.

LaCapra, Lazia's friends say today, engineered the assassination of Lazia and now is trying to muddy the water by accusations against persons who might be "gunning" for him.

GALATAS AN EASY SPENDER.

Hot Springs Knew Him as a Retired Business Man.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Oct. 11.—News of the arrest of Richard Tallman Galatas and wife, formerly of this city, wanted in connection with the Kansas City "massacre" July 17, last year, spread today throughout the sport contingent of the Spa, where Galatas was best known.

Coming here about four years ago, Galatas, because of a pleasant personality, soon made friends. Many regarded him as a retired business man. He was an ardent sportsman and possessed motor boats on both Lake Hamilton and Lake Catherine. He opened up a garage here, put friends in charge of it and was a liberal contributor to many drives in the interest of charity.

Galatas had accompanied Frank Nash, ex-convict killed in the effort to gain freedom from federal officers, on the last visit Nash paid to a local sport headquarters on upper Central avenue. Galatas stopped and chatted with friends and then walked down the street. Ten minutes later federal officials had thrown their guns on Nash, placed him in a motor car and were headed towards Little Rock.

Hot Springs officers believed at first a man had been kidnaped. The officers were stopped in Little Rock, where they proved their identity and right to Nash. It was not until the party changed the route and went to Fort Smith that the real identity of the officers and their prisoner became known.

Galatas, the same afternoon that Nash was spirited away, accompanied by Mrs. Nash, took an airplane for Kansas City. That was the last seen of Galatas here.

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POLITICIAN LINKED WITH 1933 KILLINGS

Said to Have Arranged Meeting That Led to Slaughter of 5 in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The name of John Lazia, recently-slain lieutenant in the political organization of "Big Tom" Pendergast, was linked today with the machine gun slaughter of four officers and their prisoner here June 17, 1933.

Federal agents checked asserted information that Lazia had arranged a meeting of three outlaws that led to the slaying of the officers and Frank Nash, their prisoner, in front of the Union station.

The Kansas City Star said it had learned that James La Capra, a gangster rival of Lazia now held in connection with the politician's ambush slaying, has told federal investigators that Lazia played a part in the killings that grew out of an attempt to liberate Nash. Much of La Capra's story, the paper says, has been found by the investigators to tally with evidence they already have obtained.

The government Wednesday named Verne C. Miller, since slain by gangsters near Detroit, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma desperado, and his confederate, Adam Richetti, both at large, as the men who turned a blast of machine gun fire on the officers in their attempt to free Nash, Miller's friend.

Bought Aid of Lazia.

The Star says La Capra told agents that when Miller learned Nash was to be brought through here on his way to prison at Leavenworth, Kan., he sought the aid of Lazia men in the delivery plot. Lazia, the story says, refused to permit his men to take part, but suggested that Miller obtain the aid of Floyd and Richetti, then in the city.

La Capra said, the paper states, Lazia arranged a meeting between Miller and Floyd and Richetti, himself sitting in on the session, the night before the slayings. Lazia men, the gangster is quoted as saying, aided Floyd and Richetti to escape from the city and for 24 hours after the crime secreted them on the North side, the part of the city over which Lazia ruled.

La Capra, who twice has escaped gangster attempts to kill him since Lazia was shot down, is being held in a death cell for safe keeping. Police lay the attempts on his life to revengeful Lazia associates.

Twelve Others Involved.

While Miller, Floyd and Richetti were named as the actual slayers, twelve other persons have been named by the government as involved in the plot through conspiracy.

Two of the alleged conspirators, Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, were brought here after their arrest September 22 at New Orleans. Mrs. Galatas was arraigned late Wednesday and her bond set at $25,000. Galatas had been indicted previously.

Mrs. Galatas is accused of having been the one who set in motion the plans for the delivery plot. After the arrest of Nash at Hot Springs, Ark., she is alleged to have telephoned the information to Herb Farmer at Joplin, Mo., thus forming the first link in a chain of telephone calls that led to hatching of the plot.

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STATION KILLINGS AT KANSAS CITY SOLVED, U.S. SAYS

Richard T. Galatas Called Leader of Plot.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 10.—(AP)—Three outlaws, all with records as killers, were named by the federal government today as the men who fired machine guns, killing four officers and their prisoner, at the Union station here Jan. 17, 1933.

Those said to have done the actual killing were named as Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, Oklahoma desperado; his confederate, Adam Richetti—both fugitives—and Verne C. Miller, who since has been killed near Detroit by gangsters.

Details of Killings.

The men slain were Frank Nash, a convict, and Raymond J. Caffrey, department of justice agent; William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives, and Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Okla.

Nash had been taken outside the station and placed in McCaffrey's auto, with the four guarding him, when the gangsters appeared and opened fire. All five were killed.

The killing was done just outside the station. It was an effort to rescue Nash, who, serving a sentence of 25 years imposed in the western district of Oklahoma for assaulting a mail custodian, had escaped from Leavenworth federal prison, was recaptured at Hot Springs, Ark., and taken to Kansas City for return to prison.

Secret Arrests Revealed.

Today's developments included the revelation of the arrest in New Orleans, three weeks ago, of Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth. He is accused of being a prime mover in the plot to rescue Nash that led to the killings.

Mrs. Galatas was arraigned here today. She pleaded not guilty to conspiracy charges. Her bond was fixed at $25,000. She did not seek bond and was returned to jail. Her husband is there, under federal indictment, also not trying to get bond at this time. He was not formally arraigned.

Arrested in New Orleans, Sept. 22, Galatas and his wife were brought here by airplane for her arraignment today on conspiracy charges.

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[illegible] Jasper La Capra, [illegible] who is held for [illegible] death cell of the Jackson [illegible] after gangsters twice failed [illegible] to kill him, supplied the [illegible] with startling information.

The Star says La Capra [illegible] Lazia, for many years [illegible] Kansas City's [illegible] tion, as the man who arranged [illegible] ing for Miller, Floyd, and [illegible] here the night before the [illegible]

The newspaper also says Lazia [illegible] aided Floyd and Richetti in [illegible] from Kansas City after the [illegible] for a stay of 24 hours in a [illegible] hideout.

Relates to Racket Feuds.

La Capra was an enemy of Lazia, reportedly because of being [illegible] larger share in the profits of [illegible] "rackets."

"Although federal agents [illegible] weighed the prisoner's enmity with the Lazia group, they have investigated a part of his information and [illegible] ered it tallies with evidence they [illegible] obtained," the Star says.

Assistant U. S. Attorney [illegible] William Stanley said that after [illegible] was recaptured Galatas went to the tourist camp [at Hot Springs] and advised Mrs. Francis Nash of her husband's apprehension. Mrs. Nash communicated with "Doc" [illegible] Stacci [since arrested], proprietor of the O-P inn, Melrose Park, Chicago. In the meantime Galatas accompanied Mrs. Nash to the home of Herb and Esther Farmer at Joplin, Mo. There it was said last minute telephoning instructions were given to Miller relative to the route being followed by the arresting officers and their prisoner.

Golf and Trouble.

The department said "during the course of the investigation it was learned that Nash was associated with Francis J. Keating, Thomas Holden and several other well known gunmen who had participated in a number of bank robberies throughout the middle west.

"Their weakness for golf [illegible] Stanley added, "in the apprehension of Keating and Holden at Kansas City on July 7, 1932, when they were located by special agents of the division of investigation on the [illegible] golf course, playing a foursome [illegible] included Harvey Bailey, who is [illegible] serving a life sentence [illegible] prison for his participation in the [illegible] paping of Charles F. Urschel."

Chicago Tribune

10-11-34

Held in Kansas City Killing Plot

Richard Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, arrested by federal authorities and held in Kansas City in connection with attempt to free Frank Nash, gangster, in which Nash and four policemen and government agents lost their lives in 1933. Galatas is charged with being chief conspirator. The pair are shown in Kansas City. [Acme Photo.]

Chicago Tribune

In Spotlight as Resu[illegible]

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OURNAL-POST. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1934

Developments in Massacre Probe

[illegible] MASSACRE AND LAZIA [illegible]—Through evidence dis[illegible] by Marie A. Gill, bal[illegible], the "spot" slaying last [illegible] of John Lazia, North side [illegible], has been definitely [illegible] with the Union station massacre of June 17, 1932. Gill, whose knowledge of ballistics unearthed the evidence by comparison of cartridge cases found near the scene of both crimes, is shown above with a microscope used in making his discovery.

MADE NEWS PUBLIC—Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney here, [illegible] announced [illegible] the Union station [illegible] June 17, 1932, was perpetrated by [illegible] Miller, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti. [illegible] has been killed by [illegible] Floyd and [illegible] are fugitives.

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WIDOW OF GUNMAN—Here is Mrs. Verne Miller, widow of the former South Dakota sheriff who turned gangster and met death at the hands of his underworld associates some weeks after he is alleged to have participated in the Union massacre here. Mrs. Miller was arrested last week.

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[illegible] FLOYD—Mrs. [illegible] in charge of the Travelers' [illegible] at the Union station, [illegible] June 17, 1933, when [illegible]

PENDERGAST AIDE LINKED TO KILLING

Lazia Is Reported to Have Arranged Meeting Before Massacre.

By the Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, October 11.—The name of John Lazia, recently slain lieutenant in the political organization of "Big Tom" Pendergast, was linked today with the machine gun slaughter of four officers and their prisoner here June 17, 1933.

Federal agents checked asserted information that Lazia had arranged a meeting of three outlaws that led to the slaying of the officers and Frank Nash, their prisoner, in front of the Union Station.

Story Credited to Gangster.

The Kansas City Star said it had learned that James La Capra, a gangster rival of Lazia now held in connection with the politicians ambush slaying, had told Federal investigators that Lazia played a part in the killings that grew out of an attempt to liberate Nash. Much of La Capra's story, the paper says, has been found by the investigators to tally with evidence they already have obtained.

The Government yesterday named Verne C. Miller, since slain by gangsters near Detroit; Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma desperado, and his confederate, Adam Richetti, both at large, as the men who turned a blast of machine gun fire on the officers in their attempt to free Nash, Miller's friend.

Lazia's Aid Sought.

The Star says La Capra told agents that when Miller learned Nash was to be brought through here on his way to prison at Leavenworth, Kans., he sought the aid of Lazia men in the delivery plot. Lazia, the story says, refused to permit his men to take part, but suggested that Miller obtain the aid of Floyd and Richetti, then in the city.

La Capra said, the paper states, Lazia arranged a meeting between Miller and Floyd and Richetti, himself sitting in on the session, the night before the slayings. Lazia men, the gangster is quoted as saying, aided Floyd and Richetti to escape from the city and for 24 hours after the crime had secreted them on the north side, the part of the city over which Lazia ruled.

Held in Murder

MRS. FRANCES NASH,
Widow of Frank Nash, desperado, who, Justice agents say, flew with Galatas from Hot Springs, Ark., to Joplin, Mo., to arrange for the ill-fated delivery of her husband. Nash was killed in the attempt to free him.

MRS. ELIZABETH GALATAS,
Wife of Richard Tallman Galatas, held with her husband as alleged conspirators in the slaughter of four officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at the Kansas City Union Station in June, 1933.

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INDIANAPOLIS TIMES Oct. 11, 1934

DEATH HUNT FOR FLOYD RENEWED

Pretty Boy Is Linked to Station Massacre by Agents.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 11.—Federal agents entered a death hunt today for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, successor to the late John Dillinger as America's arch-criminal.

Reinforced by state officers, department of justice operatives sought Floyd and his lieutenant, Adam Richetti, to complete the roundup of twelve persons wanted in connection with the slaying of four officers and a federal prisoner at the union station here June 17, 1933.

Floyd, Richetti and Verne C. Miller, slain kidnaper and machine gunner, were designated by the government as the men who carried out the second largest mass killing in the annals of American crime.

Nine other persons were under arrest or free on bond in connection with the massacre.

Richetti was believed in hiding with his chief in the fastnesses of the Cookson hills of eastern Oklahoma. Floyd was last seen in New Orleans. A trap laid for him there failed.

Interwoven with the union station massacre, officers believed, was the killing recently of John Lazia, political boss and leader of T. J. Pendergast, Missouri's Democratic chieftain, in the north side here.

Richard T. Galatas and his wife had been arrested in New Orleans Sept. 22, it was announced yesterday.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR
October 11,1934

FLOYD TRAILED AS TRAP FAILS

Federal Agents Reveal Ace Outlaw Leader in Kansas City Massacre.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 10—(U.P.)—Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious killer, tonight became the nation's No. 1 public enemy as the government announced solution of the machine gun massacre of four officers and their prisoner at the Union Station here June 17, 1933.

The Department of Justice in Washington announced that Floyd, Adam Richetti, his lieutenant, and Vern Miller, kidnaper and machine gunner now dead, were the executioners at the Union Station.

Lazia Crime Linked.

Ramifications of the bloody crime, Federal agents indicated, also will solve the gang slaying of John Lazia, underworld overlord and lieutenant of Democratic Boss Tom Pendergast.

An army of Federal agents, augmented by state and city police of the Southwest, moved swiftly tonight to "mop up" the last of twelve persons accused in the massacre. Only Floyd and Richetti were sought, as others are dead, or under arrest or bond.

Eludes Federal Trap.

Floyd was believed in northern Louisiana or fleeing toward the Cookson hills of eastern Oklahoma after slipping out of a Federal trap set for him in New Orleans, where officers caught his aid and middle-man, Richad Tallman Galatas. The latter was arraigned here today. His arrest was announced only after he was secretly brought here by airplane.

Slain in the massacre were Raymond Caffery, Federal agent; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Okla.; William Grooms and Frank Hermanson, Kansas City policeman, and Frank Nash, escaped Federal convict under escort to Leavenworth penitentiary.

Herbert A. Farmer, Mrs. Kathryn Farmer, Frank B. Mulloy, Mrs. Frances Nash, Louis Stacci, Mrs. Louise Connors, Mrs. Vivian Miller and Richard and Elizabeth Galatas are under arrest for the crime.

Telephoned Chicago.

The government will charge that when Mrs. Nash learned of her husband's arrest in disguise at Hot Springs, Ark., she contacted Galatas there to arrange his delivery. Galatas, government men said, flew to Joplin, Mo., and met the Farmers, who telephoned Stacci at his Chicago night club. Stacci, they said, telephoned Mulloy here with instructions to engage Miller, who in turn got Floyd and Richetti and staged the attack. Floyd was seriously wounded in the battle, Federal agents said.

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BUFFALO COURIER-EXPRESS
October 11, 1934.

U. S. MEN SOLVE MASSACRE OF 5 IN KANSAS CITY

Pretty Boy Floyd, two others named by federal agents in railway station tragedy

Kansas City, Oct. 10 (AP) — Three outlaws, all with records as killers, were named by the federal government today as men who dealt machine gun death to four officers and their prisoner here, and investigation was pursued tonight into a possible connection with the recent slaying of John Lazia, a political leader.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma desperado, his confederate, Adam Richetti—both fugitives—and Verne C. Miller, who since has been killed near Detroit by gangsters, were accused of slaying the officers during an attempt to rescue the prisoner, Frank Nash, in front of the Union Station June 17, 1933.

Gangster Gives Information

James La Capra, a small time gangster who si held for protection in a death cell of the Jackson County jail after gangsters twice failed recently to kill him, supplied the government with startling information.

The Star says La Capra named Lazia, long a right hand man in Kansas City's Democratic organization, as the man who arranged a meeting of Miller, Floyd and Richetti here the night before the station slayings.

The newspaper also says that Lazia men aided Floyd and Richetti in escaping from Kansas City after they had fled the Union Station for a stay of 24 hours in a local hideout.

La Capra was an enemy of Lazia, reportedly because of being denied a larger share in the profits of certain "rackets."

"Although federal agents have weighed the prisoner's enmity with the Lazia group, they have investigated a part of his information and discovered it tallies with evidence they have obtained," the Star says.

Twelve Others Named

The government in its announcement today named twelve other persons as involved in the station slayings through conspiracy.

Jack Gregory, another sought in the Lazia case, has been missing for weeks and reports have been current that he was the victim of Lazia's friends.

Additional indictments in the station slayings and others clearing up the Lazia slaying may be returned by the federal grand jury which meets later this month.

Fritz Mulloy, indicted on conspiracy charges in the Union Station case, disappeared recently. After he returned home, reports were current that government agents had been questioning him. During the World Series in St. Louis, Dominick Binaggio, a friend of Lazia, was picked up by government agents there. He was questioned and released.

The quintuple slaying resulted from an attempt to free Frank Nash, an escaped federal prisoner who was being returned to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., after he was captured in Hot Springs, Ark.

As the officers placed Nash in an automobile outside the Kansas City Union Station, about 7 a. m., for the last lap of their journey, a shout rang out:

"Let 'em have it."

The death dealing blasts of machine gun fire followed immediately. City detectives, and Nash were killed. Raymond J. Caffery, department of justice agent, received wounds from which he died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

R. E. Vetterli, at that time agent Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Okla.; William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas in charge of the Kansas City office of investigation of the department of justice, and F. J. Lackey, another agent, were wounded.

A minute later the killers sped away in a motor car.

Nash Death Accidental

Officials theorized Nash had been slain accidentally by his friends because he was sitting in the front seat of the car, whereas they had expected he would be in the rear seat. An officer in the rear seat was injured.

Tracing the intensive investigation it launched immediately after the slayings, the department of justice said it had learned Miller, who was a close associate of Nash, had enlisted the aid of Floyd and Richetti in the attempt to free the prisoner.

Coincident with the capture of Nash in Hot Springs, Floyd and Richetti kidnaped Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Mo., in an encounter at Bolivar. At Osceola, Mo., the outlaws held up Walter Griffith and forced him to drive them, with the sheriff still a hostage, to Kansas City.

The sheriff and Griffith were released in the Kansas City industrial district, and Floyd and Richetti transferred to a sedan the two machine guns they were carrying. Later, they apparently joined their associate and went to the Union station to await the arrival of the officers and Nash.

Couple Arraigned

The solution of the slayings was announced shortly after the department of justice in Washington released the information that Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, who were arrested in New Orleans September 22d, had been brought to Kansas City for arraignment on conspiracy charges growing out of the killings.

Mrs. Galatas pleaded not guilty today when arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice, and her bond was set at $25,000. Galatas did not face formal arraignment, as he has been indicted by a federal grand jury. No bond was fixed for him when he said he preferred to remain in jail.

William Stanley, assistant attorney general, said in Washington investigation had shown it was Galatas who informed Mrs. Nash her husband had been arrested at Hot Springs.

Cites Details of Plot

Mrs. Nash then communicated with "Doc" Louis Stacci, proprietor of a roadhouse at Melrose Park, Chicago, Stanley said. Galatas accompanied Mrs. Nash to the home of Herb and Esther Farmer at Joplin, Mo., where last minute telephonic instructions were given Miller for the attempt to free Nash, the assistant attorney general said.

The fifteen persons named by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, as implicated in the case are Floyd, Richetti, Miller, Harvey Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Nash, Stacci, Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, Robert C. Brady, Mrs. Louise Conner, Hot Springs, Ark., Frank Mulloy, Kansas City, Wilbur Underhill, and Mrs. Vivian Miller, wife of the slain killer.

Underhill was slain some months ago in Shawnee, Okla. Brady was killed early this year near Paolo, Kans., as he fled from the Kansas State Prison with several other convicts. Bailey, one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, is imprisoned in Alcatraz Prison, in California.

The Morning Tribune

WE DO OUR PART

NEW ORLEANS, THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 19[illegible]

Suspect In Murders Lived Here

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CATCH 'BRAINS' THROUGH WANT ADS FOR AGENTS

Federal Agents Nab Galatas As He Operates Paint Business

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once operated a restaurant in New Orleans, but died in 1912. He has a mother and sister living in Long Beach, California.

Galatas was first arrested at the age of 27, in 1918, in Toledo, charged with operating a confidence game. He was released. He and his wife were arrested in Los Angeles in 1923 on bad check charges from Chicago, where they were again released. There followed a series of arrests and releases in succeeding years for operating confidence games. Galatas is said to have made his living largely at cards in trains and coastwise steamships.

He became a "big shot" after settling in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1928. Federal agents say Galatas was "contact man" among other "big shots" who met at Hot Springs.

Meets Escaped Robber

In Hot Springs he met Frank Nash, mail robber escaped from Leavenworth prison, and the circumstances that led to the Kansas City tragedy got under way, according to the agents' theory.

Nash was arrested in a pool room operated by Galatas, known as the White Front. Galatas got in touch with Mrs. Nash at a tourist camp and plans for the liberation of her husband were started. Accompanied by three women, his wife, Mrs. Nash, and her daughter, Galatas drove to Joplin, Missouri, thinking the prisoner had been taken there. They learned that he was on the way to Kansas City.

Then, the government announced yesterday, Galatas got in touch with Floyd, Richetti and Verne Miller, who were credited by the government with the actual [illegible]

At Kansas City three officers who had Nash in custody were met on the train platform by Officers R. E. Vetterli and R. J. Caffrey of the Kansas City police. The three were Frank Smith and F. J. Luckey, Federal agents, and Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Oklahoma. The time was 7:20 a. m.

Five Shot Down

The five officers took the prisoner across the wide plaza to a waiting automobile. Two other detectives were there. Nash was put in the driver's seat. Other officers got in. Suddenly a voice rang out from men beside another car in front.

"Up with your hands!"

Some of the officers reached for their guns.

"Let 'em have it," a voice said.

A blast of machine gun fire killed or fatally wounded Nash and four officers: Caffrey, Reed, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson.

According to the theory that Nash was to have been liberated, his killing was a mistake. Another theory is that the men had been hired to kill Nash and killed the officers by mistake.

Nash went down screaming "For God's sake don't kill me."

Eleven persons, including three women, were indicted in the crime. None has been brought to trial.

Maurice M. Milligan, United States District Attorney in Kansas City named the 14 in the case as Floyd, Richetti, Miller, slain in Detroit; Harvey Bailey, one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, and now in Alcatraz prison; Robert C. (Bob) Brady, slain after a Kansas prison break; Mrs. Louise Conner, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Herbert A. Farmer and his wife, Joplin, Missouri; the Galatas, Frank Mulloy, Kansas City; Mrs. Frank Nash, wife of the slain convict; Louis Stacci and Wilbur Underhill, slain in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The night before the massacre, Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, Missouri, was released in Kansas City by Floyd and Richetti, who had kidnaped him that morning.

"Verne C. Miller was identified as the leader of the gunmen," the department said yesterday in Washington, "and through exhaustive investigation it has been conclusively established that the other assassins were Floyd and Richetti."

MASSACRE 'BRAINS' CAUGHT THROUGH ADS FOR PAINT AGENTS

Galatas Arrested In Orleans By Federal Operatives While Conducting Legitimate Business; Prospective Employe Believed To Have Recognized Long Sought Fugitive; Trap For 'Pretty Boy' Floyd Fails

A newspaper want ad was credited generally yesterday with having led to the arrest in New Orleans of Richard T. Galatas, charged with being the "brains" who organized the Kansas City massacre June 17, 1933, when five men were shot down in front of the city's Union station by bandit machine guns.

"Help wanted" ads brought a steady stream of unemployed to Galatas' office in the Stern building, Baronne and Perdido streets, where for two months, under the name of E. W. Lee, he engaged in the legitimate business of selling "liquid celophane," a paint.

Agents Silent

Although Department of Justice agents continued silent on their information that led to the arrest, it was learned that these contacts with men seeking jobs virtually were the gangster's only contacts with the public. He would hire these men on a commission basis to sell his paint.

"He never took off his hat," those who met him said, because his pictures displayed in post offices throughout the nation showed him without a hat. The picture showed him with spectacles; he was not seen to wear them here.

One of his prospective employes, it is understood, noticed his likeness to a picture in "Liberty" magazine, offering $1000 reward. He informed United States Attorney Rene Viosca.

On September 21 Department of Justice agents with drawn pistols invaded Galatas' office. They arrested him and Mrs. Galatas. The arrests were kept secret while a trap was laid for Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious outlaw who, agents said yesterday, had probably operated one of the machine guns in the massacre. Floyd's presence in New Orleans had been reported at that time.

The trap failed to catch Floyd, who now takes rank as the nation's "Public Enemy No. 1."

The Galatas couple was taken secretly by airplane to Kansas City, where Mrs. Galatas yesterday pleaded "not guilty" to a charge of conspiracy in connection with the massacre. Galatas was already under indictment.

Galatas had been here at least four months. An advertisement in June gave his address at the Carol hotel, 3628 St. Charles avenue. Later the same month he was at the Pontchartrain apartments, 2031 St. Charles avenue. He took the office where he was arrested about two months ago, and moved into an apartment at 912 Harding Place.

Neighbors Astounded

Neighbors there were astounded yesterday when they learned that they had been living so close to one of the nation's most hunted criminals.

"They were perfect home folks," declared Mrs. Nat W. Gold, whose husband rented them their apartment. "Nobody could have been quieter or kept their place in better order."

And a similar story was told by Mrs. W. Hicks, manager of the Stern building. Some of those who met him in business, however, called Galatas a "super-salesman."

Neighbors added that the couple spent most of their evenings at home and showed no desire to become acquainted with others.

Credit for the capture was given to David W. Magee, acting chief of the department's division of investigation here. It was rumored yesterday that a number of other arrests were made at the same time, but the identities of the prisoners were not made public.

News of the Galatas' arrest was first announced in Washington yesterday morning.

Only Two at Large

The arrests leave at large only two out of 14 persons who were accused of the massacre. They are Floyd and Adam Richetti.

Galatas was born in Montgomery, Alabama, 43 years ago. His wife, formerly Betty McFadden, married him in Riverside, California, 16 years ago. His father, J. A. Galatas,

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Walter Winchell On Broadway

Telephone Call

I wish I could, these fifteen years have been,
Tho, You remain a voice now for me,
A voice unchanged, to remember and
When I consider charming years I've known,
The Hamilton Spring I walked with you,
The gay and easy laughter born of youth,
The unexampled ecstacy that was
In love perceive—must remember such,

Your dinner invitation I decline,
With proper tact to camouflage my fears,
Because emotions lost are never mine
Again, to be recaptured after years!
I couldn't bear reality to dim
Those gala days when you were young—and slim.

—Jane Sayre.

The People's Choice

Hitler was in a mood. He wanted to get away from It All—just shoo. He changed into his street clothes, and without confiding to a soul went to a movie.

Nowadays in the cinema places in Germany the show begins and ends with a patriotic song, about The Fuehrer. The audience must rise when it is played. But when Adolf is in the audience he doesn't have to rise—because the ditty is about him.

At any rate, he didn't budge when the audience rose, and the chap next to him, who didn't recognize Adolf, whispered: "Listen, don't be a smart aleck. None of us feel like doing this anymore than you—but what can we do?"

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"Ay," said the kid, "let's play another, maybe I'll get even."

The Rage!

answer is a Women Only Empire!

...Bing Crosby: Fifty million women can't be wrong. . . Constance Bennett: The silk fall on the end of a gift. . . Katharine Cornell: Champagne in a crystal goblet. . . Gracie Allen: An empty room in a haunted house. . . W. Winchell: Hot air in a hurry.

Gosh, Yes

"Hell," says an editor, "is full of anonymous writers" and Olga Miller regrets learning that fact. He had been hoping there was room for guys.

Newspapermen Stuff

At the time of the Long Beach (Cal.) earthquake, the Los Angeles papers were hard put to "do an alarm the transplanted Iowans, who had come to the State for peace and comfort.

The gazettes began to find joy in recurrent earth shocks, which they called "beneficial settlements," and they contended that the danger was over. It was too much for one Florida scribe who was serving a Los Angeles newspaper as copyreader. He got into his flivver and aimed for Miami. His editorial mates jeered him as a coward.

"The quake didn't scare me out," he protested as he started his motor, "I'm just afraid I can't survive the aftershocks."

Short Story

Red Doing wants to collaborate with Sir James Barrie on a "short fable, suggested by this [illegible] telegram received by Wee Willie Winkie from his mother."

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The Latest Smokegun

From one of the theater pressagents comes this apology, but as usual spanning again. A flash called on the editor of a movie mag hollered: "You threatened my death in your last issue, may I have an immediate apology?"

The next issue contained this: "We recently announced the death of Mr. Eddie Plots. We regret to say it was untrue."

Cuff

Edith Wilkerson relays Joe Schenck's latest snapper. A fellow movie producer rushed into his office, beaming happily, and said: "Just think. We previewed my latest picture this afternoon and Joe Breen, the official censor, passed it without a single cut!"

To which Joe schencked: "Golly! Is it that bad?"

Any Eliasoulam

That guy Velva (the end-of-the-world predictor), is certainly being punished for saying the world would end on Sept. 15. He has to keep living in it!

Thumbnail Descriptions

"Joe E. Brown: A mouth that could be torn instead of dimples... J. Harold Murray: Second instinct on youth... Mae West: The Hollywood widow that fell. Wallace Beery: The kid the teaching staff turned to commitment... (Another one dislike). A motion picture shot with telescopic equipment. Clarke Gable: The girl he married. Mrs. Harry Lang: The woman who jumped from a window. Franklin Pangborn: The waiter in a Times Square hash house. Ring Lardner: Fifty million can't be wrong. Constance Bennett: The silk doll on the cover of a pulp. Katherine Cornell: Champagne in a crystal goblet. Gracie Allen: An empty room, a haunted house. W. Winchell: Hot air in a hurry.

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"The quake didn't scare me out," he protested as he started his motor, "I'm just afraid I can't survive the editorials!"

Short Story

Red Dolan wants to collaborate with Sir James Barrie on a fairy fable, suggested by this frantic telegram: "Stranded in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Bumper [illegible] ruin tax bucks."

Reflections

Although a gentleman, a scholar and a [illegible] has found that he is a man of [illegible] that chasing [illegible] the person that is [illegible] without [illegible]. Everything [illegible] this office will [illegible].

The grammar boy in search of [illegible] and his learning [illegible] more [illegible] without [illegible]. He caught [illegible] and demanded to know if the [illegible] was against ANYTHING.

"Why, sir, yes," replied the publisher, "we are fearlessly opposed to grave-robbing!"

Overheard

"He's a collar ad type—a horse collar!"

The Wave of Reports

One item of Sept. 25th in which it was stated: "Mark this down. Within the week or next the Dept. of Justice will have another flash and solve another nationally known case," was confirmed by the U. of J. yesterday a front page. They announced the arrest of [illegible] wanted for the massacre of [illegible] men in a machine-gun slaughter at the [illegible] garage in [illegible]. The machine-gunning [illegible] known as Alcatraz [illegible] Bluff, a federal prisoner, the [illegible] charged with [illegible] he is charged with plotting [illegible].

The arrests were made on [illegible] the announcement [illegible] approximately [illegible]

[illegible] Names [illegible]

[illegible]n Kansas City Station Slaying

[P]retty Boy' Floyd, Verne Miller and Richetti Called Actual Gunmen

[G]angster Reveals Plot

[Al]so Links Desperadoes to Death of Politician

By The Associated Press

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Floyd Still at Large

Floyd and Richetti are still at large, but the Department of Justice declared it would press a "vigorous and [illegible]" search for them. Of the [illegible], two are dead [illegible] two were brought [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, Kansas City detectives, and Nash were killed instantly. Raymond J. Caffrey, Department of Justice agent, suffered wounds from which he died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

The solution of the slayings was announced shortly after the Department of Justice in Washington had released the information that Richard William Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, who were arrested in New Orleans September [illegible], had been brought to Kansas City for arraignment on conspiracy charges growing out of the killings.

The fifteen persons named by Maurice M. Milligan, United States District Attorney, as implicated in the case are Floyd, Richetti, Miller, [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

KILLING OF FIVE IN KANSAS CITY SOLVED BY U. S.

Massacre Laid to 'Pretty Boy' Floyd, Richetti, Verne Miller; Dead Politician Accused

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Solution of the massacre was announced shortly after Washington officials disclosed that Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, had been arrested in New Orleans September 22, brought here by plane, and arraigned today.

William Stanley, Assistant Attorney General, said in Washington [illegible] Galatas [illegible] Miller, [illegible] Floyd and Richetti.

FLOYD WOUNDED.

The persons implicated are Floyd, Richetti, Miller, Harvey Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Nash, "Doc" Louis Shoaff, Chicago roadhouse proprietor; Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, Robert G. Brady, Mrs. Louise Connor, Hot Springs, Ark., Frank Mulloy, Kansas City; Wilbur Underhill, and Mrs. Vivian Miller, wife of the slain killer. Underhill and Brady have been slain and Bailey is imprisoned in Alcatraz Prison in connection with the Charles F. Urschel kidnaping.

Stanley said Floyd had been wounded in the skirmish at the station, "and since that time has successfully remained under cover."

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DEPOT MASSACRE LAID TO 3 KILLERS

Department of Justice Says It Has Solved Murder of Four Officers at Kansas City.

'KEY CONSPIRATOR' CAUGHT

'Pretty Boy' Floyd Is Named as One Slayer—Gangster Links Dead Man to Plot.

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The Star says La Capra named those who took part in the station slayings and related how Miller and Floyd agreed to meet again in Cleveland. La Capra, the newspaper says, told the Federal agents that Miller, informed of Nash's capture (in Hot Springs) and the time of his scheduled arrival in Kansas City, went to Lazia the night of June 16 and asked for two men to aid him in the delivery. Lazia [illegible] to allow any of his own men to take part in the plan but [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] La Capra [illegible] Kansas City that [illegible] wounded in one [illegible] in a weakened condition. La Capra added that Floyd and [illegible]

[illegible] the government [illegible] persons as involved in the slayings [illegible]

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R. E. Vetterli, at that time agent in charge of the Kansas City office of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and F. J. Lackey, another agent, were wounded.

A minute later the killers sped away in a motor car.

"Key Conspirator" Seized.

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Complete solution of the Kansas City massacre of June 17, 1933, was stated here today to have been made by the Department of Justice with the disclosure that Richard T. Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, had been arrested Sept. 22 in New Orleans. Galatas, according to Assistant Attorney General William Standley, was the key conspirator in the plot to free Frank Nash, Federal prisoner, which resulted in the slayings. Galatas was using the name of E. W. or William Lee and was doing business in New Orleans as a distributer for a products company, it was said.

The Department of Justice said today that after the recapture of Nash by Federal agents Galatas went to a tourist camp and advised Mrs. Nash of her husband's seizure. She communicated with Louis Stacci, proprietor of an inn at Melrose Park, Chicago, it was said. Galatas and Mrs. Nash then went to the home of Herbert and Esther Farmer at Joplin, Mo., from where t[illegible] kept in touch with the movements of Nash and the arresting officers. From the home, it was said, instructions were given to Vernon Miller concerning the plans for freeing Nash.

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FEDERAL MEN HUNTING FLOYD

Pretty Boy Wanted for Kansas City Massacre.

HIS [redacted]ANT ALSO SOUGHT

Both Believed Hiding in Hills of Eastern Oklahoma.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 14 (U. P.).—Federal agents entered a death hunt today for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, successor to the late John Dillinger as America's arch-criminal.

Reenforced by State peace officers, Department of Justice operatives sought Floyd and his lieutenant, Adam Richetti, to complete the roundup of twelve persons wanted in connection with the slaying of four officers and a Federal prisoner at the Union Station here June 17, 1933.

Floyd, Richetti and Verne C. Miller, slain kidnaper and machine-gunner, were designated by the Government as the men who carried out the second largest mass killing in the annals of American [redacted] other persons were [redacted] or free in bond in connection with the massacre.

Richetti Is Floyd's Lieutenant.

Richetti, who replaced the late George Birdwell, slain while attempting to hold up an Oklahoma bank, as Floyd's lieutenant, was believed in hiding with his chief in the fastnesses of the Cookson hills of eastern Oklahoma. Floyd was last seen in New Orleans. A trap laid for him there failed.

Interwoven with the Union Station massacre, police believed, was the killing recently of John Lazia, political boss and leader for T. J. Pendergast, Missouri's Democratic chieftain, in the North Side here.

Richard T. Galatas and his wife were arrested in New Orleans September 22, it was announced yesterday. Soon afterward William Stanley, Assistant Attorney-General in Washington, described [redacted] tactics of the crime as worked out by Federal operatives.

Already under indictment on charges of obstructing justice in connection with the [redacted] for whom indictments will be asked [redacted]

Associated Press Photo.

RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
held in connection with the Union Station massacre in Kansas City.

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U. S. Lays Kansas City Massacre To Floyd and 2 Other Outlaws

Richetti, Miller Named as Aids in Slayings at Kansas City.

(Associated Press.)

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Tells of Outlaws' Escape.

The newspaper also says that Lazia men aided Floyd and Richetti in escaping from Kansas City after they had fled the Union Station for a stay of 24 hours in a local hideout.

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The quintuple slaying resulted from an attempt to free Frank Nash, an escaped Federal prisoner who was being returned to the Federal Prison at Leaventworth, Kans., after he was captured at Hot Springs, Ark.

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Officials theorized Nash had been slain accidentally by his friends because he was sitting in the front seat of the car, whereas they had expected he would be in the rear seat. An officer in the rear seat was injured.

Man Hunt Is Revealed.

Tracing the intensive investigation it launched immediately after the slayings, the Department of Justice said it had learned Miller, who was a close associate of Nash, had enlisted the aid of Floyd and Richetti in the attempt to free the prisoner.

Richard Talman Galatas and his wife, Elizabeth, who were arrested in New Orleans September 22, were brought to Kansas City yesterday for arraignment on conspiracy charges growing out of the killings.

Mrs. Galatas pleaded not guilty when charged with conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice, and her bond was set at $20,000. Galatas was not formally arraigned, as he has been indicted by a Federal grand jury. No bond was fixed for him when he said he preferred to remain in jail.

William Stanley, Assistant Attorney General, said investigation had shown it was Galatas who informed Mrs. Nash her husband had been arrested at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Nash then communicated with "Doc" Louis Stacci, proprietor of a roadhouse at Melrose Park, Chicago, Stanley said. Galatas accompanied Mrs. Nash to the home of Herb and Esther Farmer, at Joplin, Mo., where last-minute telephonic instructions were given Miller for the attempt to free Nash, the Assistant Attorney General said.

The 18 persons named by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney in Kansas City, are implicated in the case, are Floyd, Richetti, Miller, Harvey Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Mrs. Nash Stacci, Mr. and Mrs. Galatas, Hobert C. Brady, Mrs. Louis Conner, Hot Springs, Ark.; Frank Mulloy, Kansas City; Wilbur Underhill and Mrs. Vivian Miller, wife of the slain killer.

Underhill was slain some months ago in Shawnee, Okla. Brady was killed early this year near Paola, Kans., as he fled from the Kansas State Prison with several other convicts. Bailey, one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire, is imprisoned in Alcatraz Prison, in California.

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four or five days might elapse before further word was heard from him.

Three Federal agents took charge of the case tonight. All local police were ordered on emergency duty and assigned to the case. William Marshall Bullitt, former solicitor general of the United States, went to the Stoll home but his mission was not disclosed.

Mrs. Stoll was a member of the Junior League of Louisville and is a leader in social activities in the city. Her one sister, Virginia Speed, is studying music in New York. She is a niece of Frederic Sackett, former ambassador to Germany.

The kidnap victim is slender, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. She is a brunette and of quite dark complexion.

NASHVILLE POLICE WARNED.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 10.—(U.P.)—Nashville police were asked by Louisville, Ky., authorities tonight to be on the lookout for the kidnapers of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll.

Police Lieutenant G. L. Scott said it was believed the kidnapers might come here because Louisville officers found an envelope dropped by one of them which bore a Nashville postmark.

FLOYD TRAILED AS TRAP FAILS

Federal Agents Reveal Ace Outlaw Leader in Kansas City Massacre.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 10.—(U.P.)—Charle, Arthur (Pretty boy) Floyd, notorious killer, tonight became the nation's No. 1 public enemy as the government announced solution of the machine gun massacre of four officers and their prisoner at the Union Station here June 17, 1933.

The Department of Justice in Washington announced that Floyd, Adam Richetti, his lieutenant, and Vern Miller, kidnaper and machine gunner now dead, were the executioners at the Union Station.

Lazia Crime Linked.

Ramifications of the bloody crime, Federal agents indicated, also will solve the gang slaying of John Lazia, underworld overlord and lieutenant of Democratic Boss Tom Pendergast.

An army of Federal agents, augmented by state and city police of the Southwest, moved swiftly tonight to "mop up" the last of twelve persons accused in the massacre. Only Floyd and Richetti were sought, as others are dead, or under arrest or bond.

Eludes Federal Trap.

Floyd was believed in northern Louisiana or fleeing toward the Cookson hills of eastern Oklahoma after slipping out of a Federal trap set for him in New Orleans, where officers caught his aid and middle-man, Richad Tallman Galatas. The latter was arraigned here today. His arrest was announced only after he was secretly brought here by airplane.

Slain in the massacre were Raymond Caffery, Federal agent; Otto Reed, chief of police at McAlester, Okla.; William Grooms and Frank Hermanson, Kansas City policemen, and Frank Nash, escaped Federal convict under escort to Leavenworth penitentiary.

Herbert A. Farmer, Mrs. Esther Farmer, Frank B. Mulloy, Mrs. Frances Nash, Louis Stacci, Mrs. Louise Connors, Mrs. Vivian Miller and Richard and Elizabeth Galatas are under arrest for the crime.

Telephoned Chicago.

The government will charge that when Mrs. Nash learned of her husband's arrest in disguise at Hot Springs, Ark., she contacted Galatas there to arrange his delivery. Galatas, government men said, flew to Joplin, Mo., and met the Farmers, who telephoned Stacci at his Chicago night club. Stacci, they said, telephoned Mulloy here with instructions to engage Miller, who in turn got Floyd and Richetti and staged the attack. Floyd was seriously wounded in the battle, Federal agents said.

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ARREST SOLVES MASSACRE OF 4 IN KANSAS CITY

Galatas' Seizure Kept Secret Since Sept. 22 to Aid in Round-Up; Wife Arraigned

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 10 (U.S.).—With the arraignment of one of the alleged 12 conspirators today, the Government wrote down as "solved" the Union Station Plaza massacre of June 17, 1933, in which four officers and their prisoner were slain.

Tearing aside the veil of secrecy which has cloaked their 16 months of persistent investigation, Department of Justice operatives announced earlier in the day that they have had Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas under arrest since September 22, when the couple was captured in New Orleans.

WOMAN ARRAIGNED

They were transported secretly to Kansas City by airplane and today Mrs. Galatas was arraigned before United States Commissioner Charles H. Thompson on a charge of obstructing justice. She pleaded not guilty, and her bond was set at $25,000 pending a preliminary hearing October 19. Galatas, who accompanied his wife at her arraignment, already is under indictment in the killing.

Arrest of the pair was kept a secret by Government officials in the hope that others in the band might be more readily captured—among them Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious Southwestern desperado, and his partner, Adam Richetti.

The Government names Floyd, Richetti and Verne Miller as the trio who actually wielded the machine guns on the station plaza and mowed down Raymond J. Cafferey, Federal agent; Otto Reed, McAlester, Okla., chief of police, and Kansas City Detectives Frank Hermanson and William Grooms.

Slain by mistake along with the officers was their prisoner, Frank Nash, Leavenworth Penitentiary fugitive, who had been recaptured in Hot Springs, Ark., and was being brought back to prison.

2 STILL UNCAUGHT

Verne Miller, one of the machine gunners, was found slain last November in Detroit, apparently by his own gang companions to seal his lips. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Richetti are believed hiding in the hills along the Arkansas-Oklahoma border.

MASTER MIND

TRAPPED—Though he disguised himself as a priest, tried to look like a prosperous business man, Richard Galatas could not escape the special agents of the Department of Justice who have arrested him as ringleader of the gang which killed five and wounded two in attempting to free Frank Nash at Kansas City.

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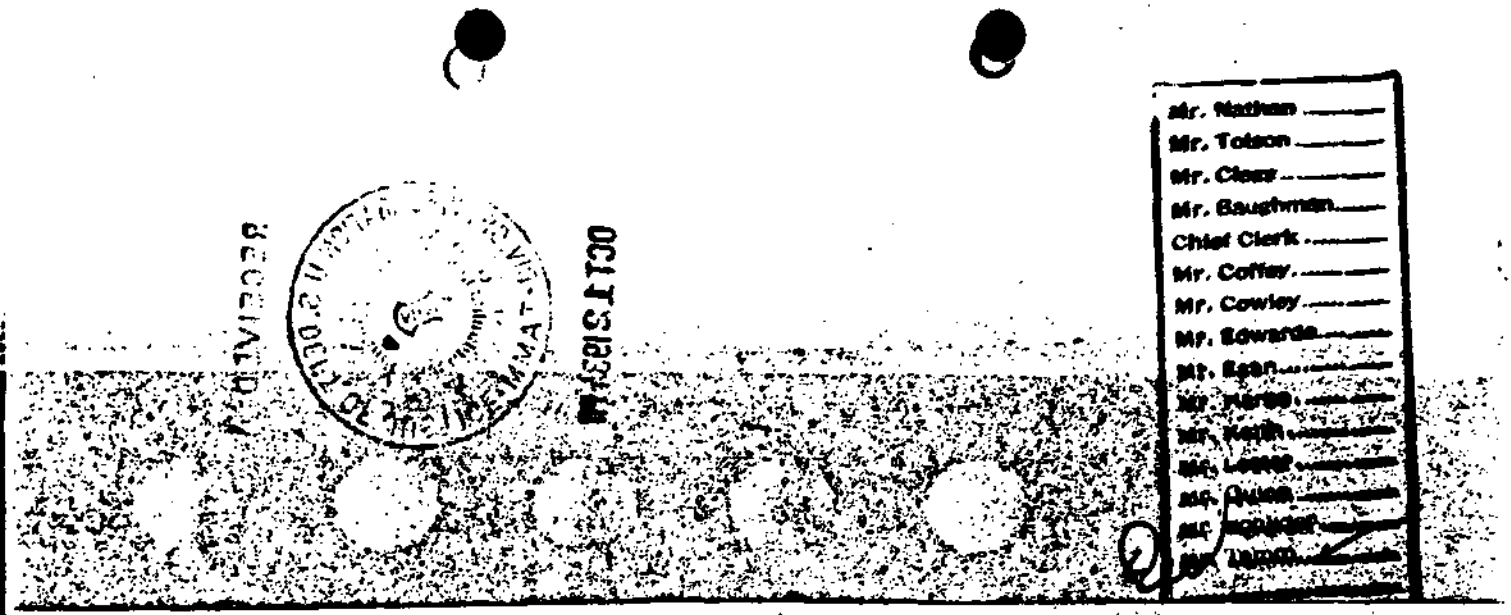

MINNEAPOLIS--AN AUTOMOBILE AT FIRST SAID TO BE ONE DRIVEN BY CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD BELONGED TO A LACROSSE, WIS., MAN, POLICE SAID TODAY.

ADD FLOYD, MEXICO

FLOYD'S APPARENT ROUTE WAS IN THE DIRECTION OF COLUMBIA, MO. AT BOONVILLE, OFFICERS MOUNTED A MACHINE GUN IN A TURRET OVERLOOKING THE MISSOURI RIVER.

THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS WERE DETAILED TO PATROL THE BYROADS, THE USUAL ROUTES TAKEN BY FLOYD WHEN IN FLIGHT.

SHERIFFS AND OTHER OFFICERS GUARDED THE MAIN HIGHWAYS.

FROM BLANCHARD'S DESCRIPTION, OFFICERS BELIEVED THE FUGITIVES WERE FLOYD, ADAM RICHETTI, ALSO ACCUSED IN THE KANSAS CITY STATION MASSACRE AND "SHINE" RUSH, ANOTHER OKLAHOMA DESPERADO.

OFFICERS SAID THAT BLANCHARD TOLD THEM THAT THE LICENSE TAG ON THE FUGITIVES' CAR WAS ILLINOIS, 1934, 95202.

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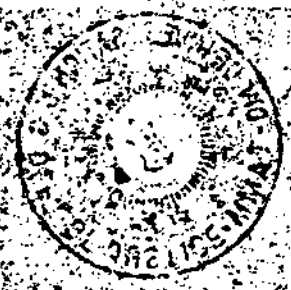

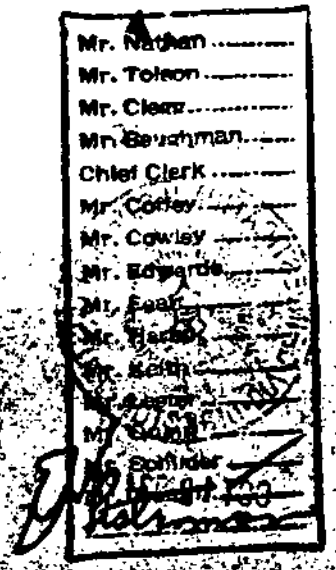

DENVER--ROY GIBBS, WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE PROVIDED POLICE WITH INFORMATION THAT RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF VERNE SANKEY, WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT TO DEATH NEAR ESTES PARK, COLO., TODAY.

CHIEF OF DETECTIVES CHARLES ARMSTRONG OF DENVER SAID HE WAS ADVISED THE BODY OF A MAN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS GIBBS HAD BEEN FOUND SHOT THROUGH THE HEAD A SHORT DISTANCE FROM AN OVERTURNED AUTOMOBILE.

FURTHER DETAILS WERE NOT AT ONCE AVAILABLE.

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M ADD FLOYD, MEXICO

OFFICERS WERE INFORMED THAT THERE WERE TWO MEN RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE AUTOMOBILE. IN THE BACK STRETCHED OUT WAS ANOTHER MAN. POLICE BELIEVED THIS MAN HAD BEEN WOUNDED POSSIBLY BY GUNFIRE FROM OFFICERS AT MCINTIRE, IOWA, WHERE TWO DEPUTIES ENGAGED FLOYD IN A GUN BATTLE LATE YESTERDAY.

A SPECIAL DETAIL WAS SET OUT FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL HEADQUARTERS AT JEFFERSON CITY TO BLOCKADE U.S. HIGHWAY 40 AT THE BRIDGE OVER THE MISSOURI RIVER AT BOONVILLE. PEACE OFFICERS SAID THAT THIS BLOCKADE WAS IMPREGNABLE. IT WAS THE PRINCIPAL AVENUE THAT FLOYD HAD TO REACH THE HAVEN OF HIS COOKSON HILLS HIDEOUT IN OKLAHOMA.

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MINNEAPOLIS--AN AUTOMOBILE WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN USED BY CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD IN HIS FIGHT WITH OFFICERS AT MCINTYRE, IA., WAS FOUND HERE TODAY.

FEDERAL AUTHORITIES, STATE AGENTS AND POLICE WERE ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY THE CAR, SAID TO HAVE BEEN PUNCTURED WITH NUMEROUS BULLET HOLES IN YESTERDAY'S GUN BATTLE.

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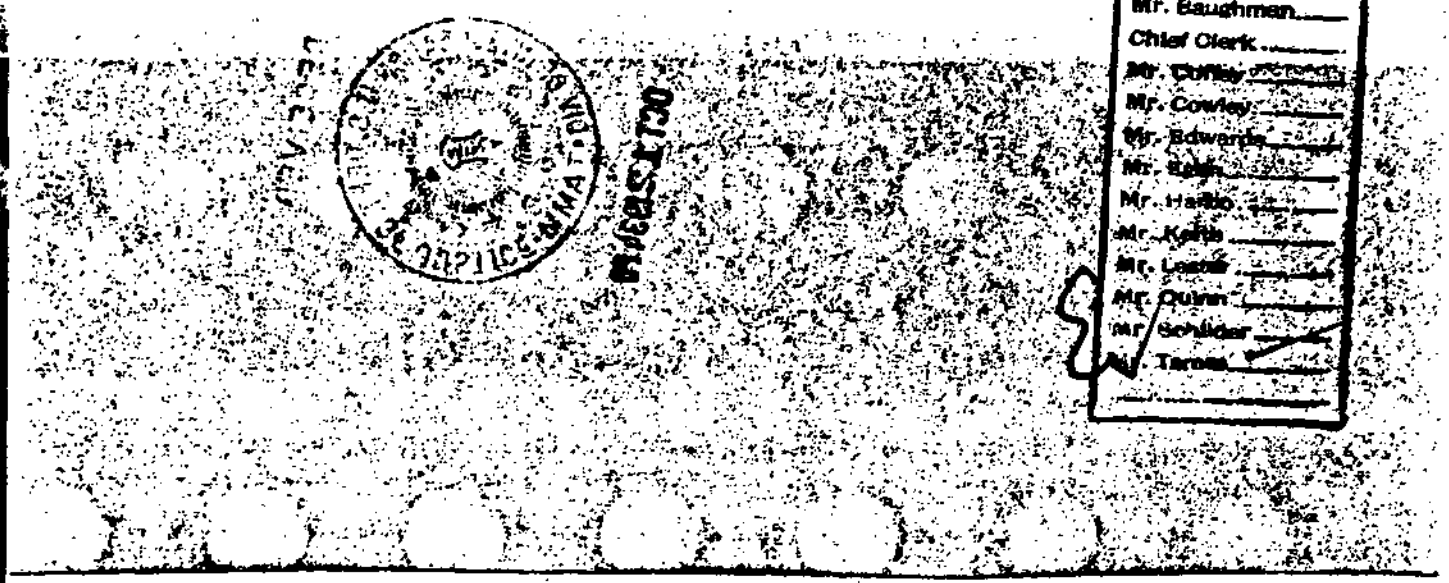

MEXICO, MO.--AN AUTOMOBILE CONTAINING THREE MEN, ONE OF WHOM WAS IDENTIFIED AS CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD, WAS SIGHTED NEAR HERE TODA

THE SUSPECTS WERE DRIVING A FORD V-8 SEDAN BEARING ILLINOIS LICEN TAGES.

A GENERAL ALARM WAS SOUNDED TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS IN THIS VICINITY AND ALL HIGHWAYS WERE BLOCKED.

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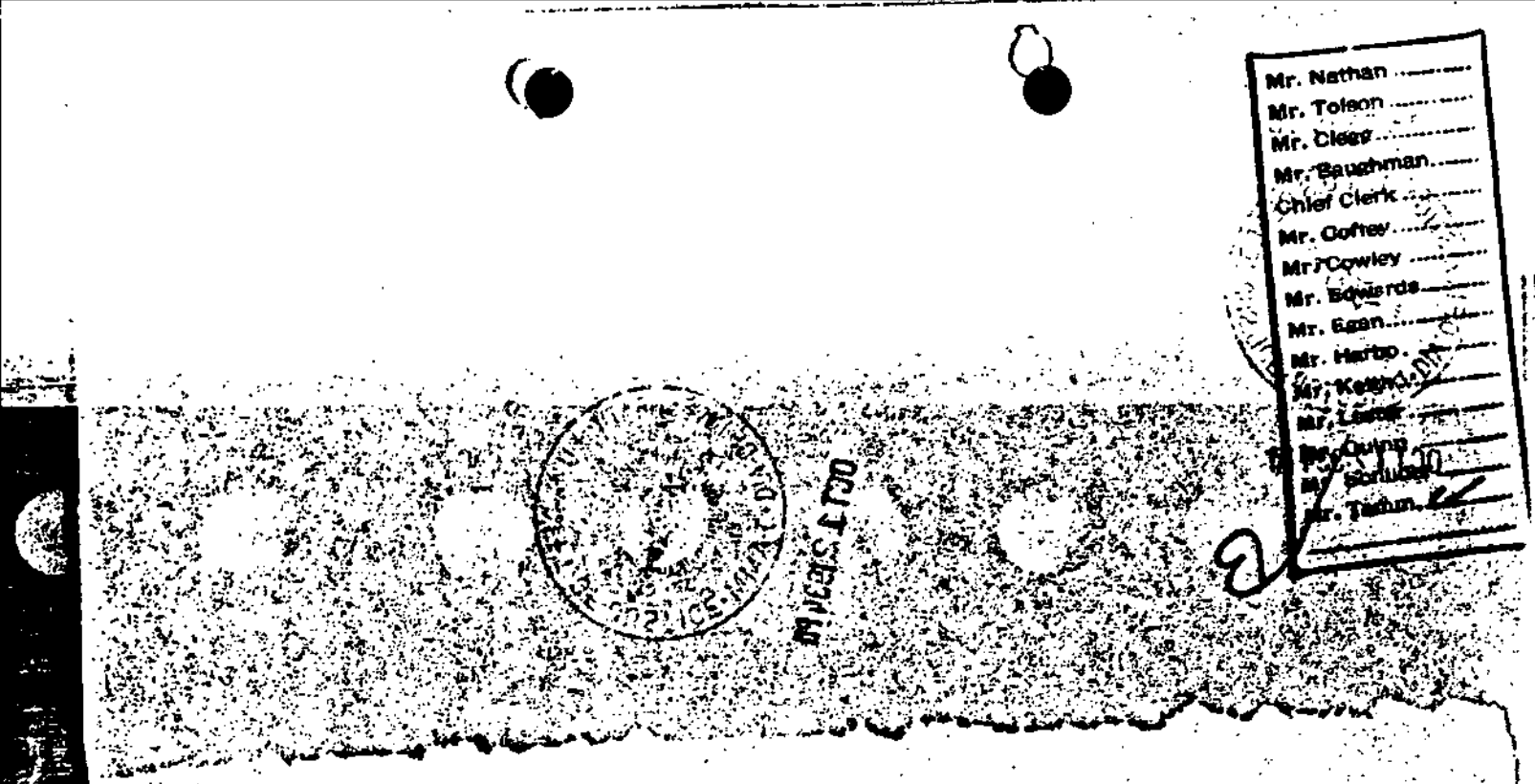

ST. JAMES, MO.--CHARLES (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD WAS REPORTED SEEN HERE MODAY, DEPUTY SHERIFF W. S. MURRAY SAID.

FLOYD WAS REPORTED IN THIS VICINITY EARLIER BY A FILLING STATION OWNER WHO CLAIMS TO KNOW FLOYD.

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JEFFERSONCITY, MO.--AN AUTOMOBILE BELIEVED TO CONTAIN PRETTY BOY FLOYD AND TWO COMPANIONS, WAS SIGHTED SHORTLY BEFORE 11:30 A.M. TURNING OFF HIGHWAY 63 NEAR HALLSVILLE, MO., THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SAID.

THE CAR WAS BEING DRIVEN RAPIDLY. HALLSVILLE IS 12 MILES NORTHEAST OF COLUMBIA AND ABOUT 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE PLACE THE FUGITIVES STOPPED A MOTORIST SHORTLY AFTER 9 A.M.

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'Pretty Boy' Floyd Named As Killer in K.C. Massacre

Federal Agents Brand Him Public Enemy No. 1 and Start on Relentless Pursuit

BY DAN ROGERS
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 10. — Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious killer, tonight became the nation's No. 1 public enemy as the government announced solution of the second largest mass murder in American crime annals.

The machine gun massacre of four officers and their prisoner at the Union Station here June 17, 1933—surpassed only by the St. Valentine's Day, 1929, assassination of seven gangsters in Chicago—was cracked wide open by developments which came with the rapidity of machine gun fire.

Executioners Named

The department of justice in Washington announced that Floyd, Adam Richetti, his lieutenant, and Verne Miller, kidnaper and machine gunner now dead, were the executioners at the Union Station.

The government's powerful drive against gangdom, inspired by the Kansas City slaughter and the Lindbergh kidnaping already had triumphed in the Urschel, Dillinger and Lindbergh cases.

An army of federal agents, augmented by state and city police of the Southwest, moved swiftly tonight to "mop up" the last of 13 persons accused in the massacre. Only Floyd and Richetti were sought, as others are dead or under arrest or bond.

Slips Out of Trap

Floyd was believed in Northern Louisiana or fleeing toward the Coo ac Hills of Eastern Oklahoma, his home territory and hideout of desperadoes since the days of Jesse James. It was learned that Floyd slipped out of a federal trap set for him in New Orleans, the trap that caught his aid and middle-man, Richard Tallman Galatas, arraigned here today by federal officials. His arrest in New Orleans was announced only after he was brought here secretly by airplane.

Information furnished federal agents by Michael Lacapra, Kansas City gangster, aided in solving the case, they said. Lacapra is held in jail here on a technical charge of illegal transportation of a stolen automobile, for his own protection. Twice within the last two months gangsters have attempted to shoot him down.

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious bandit, who yesterday was accused, with two others, by the department of justice, as the killer who slaughtered four officers and a convict by machine gun fire at the Kansas City Union Station June 17, 1933.

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ST PAUL Pioneer Press

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'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD HUNTED DOWNSTATE

Chased Into Minnesota by Iowa Officers After Gun Battle.

Police and Federal men spread a wide dragnet along the Minnesota-Iowa border Thursday night for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Southwest badman, after Iowa officers had driven Floyd and two companions out of their farmhouse hideout near McIntire, Iowa, in a hail of bullets.

Eluding their Iowa pursuers in a running gun fight, the outlaws apparently headed into Minnesota. Sheriffs and their deputies in Southern Minnesota and Federal men from St. Paul took up the search, but it was believed late Thursday night that the fugitives had doubled back into Iowa.

McIntire is a town of 268 inhabitants four and a half miles south of the Minnesota line in Northeastern Iowa.

Deputy Tells of Chase.

After a hot chase Deputy Sheriff Will Owens of Howard county, Iowa, who with State Agent A. G. Haight of Des Moines, came on the bandits near the Bosteter farm house one and a half miles south of McIntire, returned to his headquarters at Cresco late Thursday night and related this story of the gunfight to the Associated Press before again taking up the bandit trail:

Owens had seen Floyd at a house in the Cresco territory where he had gone to serve papers more than a week ago. At first he did not recognize the bandit.

He reported to the State Bureau of Investigation in Des Moines, which dispatched Agent Haight.

Owens said he and Haight, while searching for Floyd in the vicinity of McIntire Thursday afternoon, observed a car parked beside a cornfield near the Bosteter farm. One man, whom Owens later identified as Floyd, was seated in the car behind the wheel.

Owens entered the cornfield, pretending to check pheasant hunting prospects. Two other men came from the field, jumped into the car and it sped away.

Recognizes Floyd.

Owens returned to his car, where Haight was waiting, and pursued the bandit automobile. When he overtook the car Owens recognized the driver as Floyd, but the bandits drew away. The peace officers cornered the outlaws at the end of a blind road.

The outlaw car about-faced and both officers and bandits opened fire, but their shots went wild. One of the bandit bullets pierced the frame of the officers' car narrowly missing Owens' head.

The outlaws fled north and the hunt spread into southern Minnesota. Owens said the trio were later seen driving west and he believes they headed back into Iowa.

Officers spread a wide net Thursday night to trap Floyd and his companions, and end the bloody career of the 30-year-old Oklahoma outlaw, sought as a suspect in some 30 bank robberies, a half-dozen murders and charged with one.

In Kansas Massacre.

The Iowa encounter followed closely an announcement at Kansas City by Federal officers that Floyd was definitely identified as one of the participants in the union station massacre there in June, 1933.

In the brush with officers, the outlaw car was bullet-punctured and mud-splattered. The car, a black sedan, carried Iowa license 41-875, Haight said, and in the car were several raincoats, a suit of brown clothes, three leather suitcases and two tan brief cases.

Officers of three southern Minnesota counties were aiding Iowa authorities in the search for Floyd. Sheriffs Helmer Myre of Freeborn county, William L. Roelofs of Martin and Ira Syck of Mower county spent several hours patrolling roads along the border.

Sheriff Syck spent considerable time in the vicinity of Leroy, Minn., directly north of McIntire, but said no trace had been found of the gunmen or their automobile. The officers covered approximately 100 miles of borderline roads without coming upon the bandit's trail.

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ST PAUL DISPATCH

OCT 11 1934

U. S. Summons 50 In K. C. Union Depot Massacre Inquiry

Kansas City, Oct. 11.—(AP)—The government moved ahead swiftly today to prosecute those named by the Department of Justice as implicated in the machine gun slaying of four officers and a convict at the Union station here June 17, 1933.

Summonses were being prepared for 30 persons in Kansas City and other communities, who will be called before a Federal grand jury October 22 to give information which will be used in formulating indictments against those responsible for the slayings.

Randall Wilson, assistant United States district attorney, said the indictments would charge conspiracy to obstruct justice in the attempted liberation of Frank Nash, the convict who was slain. No other charge can be voted by the federal investigating body, since the murders were not committed on government property, Wilson said. It will be up to the state of Missouri to file murder charges and to prosecute for that crime.

The names of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti, named by the Department of Justice officials as the actual slayers, will be included for the first time in the list of those for whom indictments will be asked. It has been established by federal agents that Floyd, Richetti and Verne Miller, now dead, were the handlers of the machine guns and pistols which killed Nash, who was being transported to the federal prison at Leavenworth, and four officers.

The government Wednesday named fifteen persons held directly responsible for the plot.

It was disclosed by Merle A. Gill, Kansas City ballistician, that a machine gun firing pin used in the station slayings also was used in the "spot" killing of John Lazia, Kansas City politician, a year later.

The Kansas City Star says that information involving Lazia and his followers in the wholesale killings at the Union station was supplied federal investigators by James La Capra, Kansas City gangster.

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(By the Associated Press.)

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3—Jess.
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One of the three men was in the back seat, according to the report to the patrol office here, and apparently was wounded. The car bore Illinois license plate 95-202. Col. H. Marvin Casteel, head of the state highway patrol, was advised.

"It looks good," the highway patrol superintendent said.

He immediately ordered the bridge over the Missouri River at St. Charles blocked by troopers and peace officers.

"Men are moving into the immediate territory as quickly as possible," Casteel said.

Casteel said Floyd is "known to have connections" in the territory where he was reported.

By 10 o'clock twenty-five officers in this vicinity had joined in the search. All principal highways in the vicinity of Mexico were blocked on orders from Colonel Casteel. Columbia police and Boone County officers joined in the search immediately.

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After wounding the four persons, three of them officers and the other a pedestrian, the gunman entered a green Chevrolet coupe and fled. That gunman was Floyd, the agents believe.

At the time of the shooting federal agents first believed the gunman who did the shooting was Floyd, but later they changed their minds and asserted the gunman was someone else.

However, since the union station massacre and the investigation that has resulted, the agents again charge Floyd with the Independence avenue shooting.

Floyd now is sought as one of the three machine gunners who slaughtered four officers and Frank Nash, federal prisoner, the Saturday morning of June 17, 1933, in front of the union station. The other two killers with Floyd at the station that morning were Verne Miller, now dead, and Adam Richetti, Floyd's lieutenant and partner in several major crimes, according to Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, who announced the identity of the union station killers Wednesday.

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HOLD MRS. MILLER

Federal Agents Take Young Woman to County Jail in Massacre Case.

NO REASON IS ADVANCED

The Prisoner Heretofore Has Not Been Mentioned in the Investigation.

UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME

Living in Chicago, She Has Been Calling Herself Vivian Mathis.

Bulletin.

A subpoena was issued by the United States district attorney today for Joe Lusco, North Side Democratic politician, to appear before the federal grand jury October 22 to answer questions concerning the union station massacre. Lusco heard of the subpoena and appeared at the office of the United States marshal for service then left the federal building with two federal agents.

Another person—a woman—is in the hands of federal authorities in connection with the union station massacre here June 17, 1933. Vivian Mathis, known also as Vivian Miller, was placed in the county jail at 11 o'clock last night to be held incommunicado for Harold Andersen, special federal agent, it was disclosed today.

The woman is said to have been the wife of Verne Miller, now dead. Miller is alleged by the government to have engineered the attempt to deliver Frank Nash, a federal prisoner, and to have been the actual directing head in the massacre, with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti as fellow assassins.

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It was said she would be taken to the federal building later today and arraigned before Charles H. Thompson, United States commissioner. Most of those gathered in so far have been held on the charge of conspiring to obstruct justice.

The woman is said by federal agents to have lived here with Miller prior to the slayings. When booked at the county jail she gave her name as Vivian Mathis. She said she was 29 years old, was born in South Dakota and that her home now is in Chicago. She is 5 feet 5½ inches tall, weighs 120 pounds and is of blonde complexion, with brown eyes.

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Maj. Lewis Means, commander of Troop B, state highway patrol, stationed at Macon, Mo., telephoned Captain Baxter that Floyd had been seen near Princeton, Mo. An officer there, who had encountered Floyd once before, said he was positive the man he saw in a speeding motor car was the "Pretty Boy." Captain Baxter said today he was of the opinion that Floyd and two others in the car with him were heading into Kansas and thence south to the Oklahoma bad lands.

After a battle yesterday afternoon with Floyd and his two companions when they slipped from a trap set by Deputy Sheriff Will Owens of Howard County, Iowa, near Cresco, Ia., and A. G. Haight, state agent of Des Moines, there was no question but that Floyd was "out and around" again.

Iowa officers caught up with the three men near a farmhouse one and one-half miles south of McIntire, but the fugitives ran from the field to a black sedan and roared away with the officers in pursuit.

The bandits led the officers, Owens said, into what was intended to be a death trap of their own. The fugitives sped down a blind road, at the end of which was a vacant house, stationed themselves inside and opened fire as their pursuers approached.

Owens parked his car about 100 feet from the house and the officers took cover, but were unable to spot their quarry. The bandits, their fire ineffective, climbed back into their car and sped past the officers.

Unharmed, the officers resumed the pursuit over rough roads that made their gunfire ineffective, but they were soon outdistanced.

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U. S. Expects to Get From Her Information on Massacre Gang.

Joe Lusco, who opposed John Lazia on the North side was taken before the United States district attorney by federal agents Friday for questioning. While in the federal building he was served with a subpoena by Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, to appear before a federal grand jury in connection with the investigation of the Union station massacre.

Another important suspect in the Union station massacre of June 17, 1933, one whom federal officials believe may be able to explain much of the mystery which still surrounds the case, was brought to Kansas City from Chicago Thursday night and is being held in the county jail.

She is Mrs. Vivian Miller, alias Vivian Mathis, widow of Verne Miller, Minnesota gunman, who, federal agents charge, led the band of machine gunners that killed Frank Nash, recaptured convict, and four officers.

Harold E. Andersen, federal agent of the division of investigation, department of justice, booked the suspect at the county jail. However, he refused to give any information concerning the time of her arrest or the evidence against her. It was said at the Kansas City bureau of the division of investigation that she would be arraigned Friday before a United States commissioner on a government complaint.

In Edgevale Road Hideout.

Mrs. Miller, a comely blond, lived with Verne Miller in their cottage hideout at 6612 Edgevale road in Kansas City for several weeks before the gunman's services were solicited by friends of Nash to aid in delivering him from his captors after his return here from Hot Springs, Ark.

She is believed to know many of the important details of numerous telephone conversations between Miller and those negotiating for Nash's release by armed force. Mrs. Miller also is believed to know the identity of many of the persons involved in the plot, the identity of whom still puzzles the federal investigators.

It was through Mrs. Miller that it first was hoped Miller would be captured after he fled from his Edgevale road hideout after the station killing. For months theinvestigators sought some clew that would lead them to her hideaway. She finally was reported to have been located in a Kansas City hotel.

Although the agents were said

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VERNE MILLER'S WIDOW IS HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

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to have finally got on her trail in Kansas City, not attempt was made to arrest her. They hoped she eventually would communicate with her husband or lead the man hunters to him.

Mrs. Miller eventually did seek to meet Miller. The detectives were close behind her and were ready to spring the trap. She led them to a Chicago hotel and the capture of her husband seemed imminent. The place was surrounded and plans made to signal the outside guard that Miller was leaving the place had been arranged.

Miller came down from his room in an elevator. The signal was given, but in some manner the carefully arranged plans went awry and the gunman escaped in a car. Volley after volley was fired at him and two women companions, one of them his wife.

The car, with numerous holes in it, was found later in a Chicago street. Mrs. Miller was arrested and a federal charge was filed against her there.

Hadn't Filed Charge.

Although the machine gunner's wife was known from the first to have been an occupant of the Edgevale road residence while the plot to free Nash was being formulated, no charge in connection with the station killing ever was filed against her until Friday.

She is believed to have been in contact with Kansas City underworld characters during the visits she made here after the killing of Nash and the four officers. Some of the persons she associated with while here, it was said Friday, were followers of John Lazia, slain North side politician, who is believed to have been a victim of the same gunmen who staged the Union station massacre. Lazia, according to government evidence, also is believed to have had complete knowledge of the identity of the men who staged the wholesale killing, even to the extent of arranging a safe escort for them out of the city after the crime.

Federal authorities have said that he suggested Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Ricchetti, Floyd's associate, as the gunmen to aid Miller in releasing Nash. Floyd and Ricchetti have been charged with murder and are being sought.

Miller, also a participant, was murdered by gangsters in Detroit several months ago.

THE NEW ORLEANS ITEM

Friday Evening, October 12, 1934

Massacre 'Brains' Back In Kansas City

RICHARD GALATAS and his WIFE, who are now being held in Kansas City following their arrest in New Orleans September 29. The arrest was kept secret in an effort to trap Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, believed by federal agents to have been a member of Outlaw gang in the Kansas City Union Station massacre, but the effort failed.

'Pretty Boy' Flody Escapes After Battle

(By The Associated Press)

CRESCO, Iowa, Oct. 12.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the scourge of the southwest, scurried alive but perhaps wounded today from a death trap set by the law.

The notorious desperado and two companions, both of whom were unidentified, headed apparently for a lair in the Ozark hills after shooting it out with officers.

They were reported today to have been sighted near Princeton, Mo., in their flight to the Missouri badlands.

After a sharp but indecisive exchange of fire between the fugitives and officers yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Will Owens said there was "no question" but that the elusive Floyd had been encountered. He said there was

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Floyd Escapes

Pal Wounded Is Belief

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strong possibility that one of the bandits was wounded.

Shoots It Out

(By The United Press)

McINTYRE, Ia., Oct. 11.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious outlaw of the Southwest, escaped late today from a trap laid by state and county authorities near the Iowa-Minnesota boundary. He recently has been hunted in New Orleans.

The outlaw and two companions recognized one of the officers of the raiding praty and escaped.

Later they were reported in Missouri.

Authorities said they were positive of Floyd's identification.

State Agent Glen Haight and Deputy Sheriff William Owens, acting on a tip from the State Bureau of Identification, were looking for Floyd at a farm house when the desperado recognized Owen.

The sheriff's office at Austin, Minnesota, was notified to be on the lookout for the fleeing outlaws, believed to be headed in that direction.

Surprised at their farmhouse hideout, Floyd and his companion jumped into an automobile and fled through a barrage of bullets, some of which struck their car.

Into Minnesota

They fled northward into Minnesota, only 4½ miles away. One report said they doubled back a few minutes later toward Riceville, Iowa.

Acting on a tip that Floyd, wanted in connection with the Kansas City, Missouri, Union station massacre and many other crimes, was in the vicinity, Haight and Owens set out to reconnoiter. Owens knew him by sight.

The officers drove down a country road about three miles south of here and spotted Floyd in the farm yard. His two companions were in a field near by. When the officers turned to return to town to round up a posse, Floyd saw them and recognized Owens.

Begins Firing

Jumping into his car, he began firing on the officers. This attracted his pals who ran up from the field as Haight and Owens started to shoot it out with Floyd.

With his companions also shooting, Floyd drove his car past the officers and swung north toward the Minnesota line. Owens and Haight returned to town for help.

Vigilantes in all nearby Iowa and Minnesota counties were notified at once by police radio to be on the lookout for the Ford V-8 sedan bearing Iowa license number 41-675. The plates were stolen from a Buick sedan at Humboldt, Iowa.

Owens said he was positive in his identification of Floyd. Owens said he doubted that any of the outlaws were wounded although at least 10 shots struck Floyd's car.

Floyd, whom Federal agents announced yesterday they were hunting in connection with the Kansas City massacre, has a long criminal record in the Southwest, particularly in Oklahoma.

On November 24, 1930, Floyd was sentenced to 15 years in the Ohio State penitentiary for a bank robbery at Sylvania, Ohio, and escaped while being transferred from Toledo to the penitentiary.

Subpoenas Prepared

(By The United Press)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 11.—Subpoenas were prepared tonight for 50 witnesses in the government's effort to pin the massacre of four officers and their prisoner here June 17, 1933, on Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and his associates.

Floyd, Adam Richetti, his lieutenant, and Verne Miller, gangster now dead, were named by the Department of Justice yesterday as operators of the machine guns which mowed down the five men at the Union station. Nine other persons, all under arrest or under bond, were named as having connection with the mass murder.

The witnesses, under guard of Federal agents, will be taken before the Federal Grand jury which meets October 22. Federal indictments charging conspiracy to obstruct justice in the attempted liberation of Frank Nash, the prisoner the officers were escorting to Leavenworth penitentiary, will be sought.

Prosecution on murder charges must be left to the state of Missouri, government attorneys pointed out, as the slayings were not on government property.

Names of the government witnesses who will be called, except for several in Federal custody, were not announced as a precaution against intimidation or bodily harm.

A development today in the sensational crime was identification by Merle Gill, ballistics expert, of the machine gun used in the Union station massacre as the weapon used to kill John Lazia, underworld power and political lieutenant of Democratic Boss Tom Pendergast. Empty cartridge cases at the scene of the two killings bore marks of the same [illegible] Gill said

'Pretty Boy' Floyd Escapes Deputy and Heads for Oklahoma

Dangerous Bandit Is Sighted for First Time in Over Year; Authorities Set Their Traps

By United Press

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An auto containing three men, one of whom was identified as Floyd, was sighted near Mexico, Mo., this morning.

The suspects were driving a Ford V-8 sedan bearing Illinois license tags. A general alarm was sounded to all peace officers in this vicinity and all highways were blocked.

The notorious bank robber and killer was believed traveling south thru Missouri toward his favorite hide-out in the Oklahoma badlands.

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Army Captain Held Under Observation

Capt. Thomas J. Jackson, U. S. A., who was arrested last night on the complaint of a Takoma Park, Md., housewife, was admitted to Walter Reed Hospital today for mental observation. His release from the Takoma Park jail was authorized by State's Atty. Stedman Prescott of Montgomery County.

Capt. Jackson was a patient at Walter Reed at the time of an alleged attack on Mrs. Ethel LaQuay, 802 Flower-av Takoma Park. She swore out a warrant for Jackson on Sept. 19, several days after he is said to have attempted to assault her in her home.

Yesterday he appeared at her home and was arrested. A notebook containing the names of a number of girls was found in his pocket. A copy was given to Washington police for investigation.

Widow Found Dead in Gas-Filled Suite

Mrs. Emma K. Alderson, 57, of 2215 14th-st nw, widow of the late John Alderson, former member of Congress from West Virginia, was found dead in the gas-filled kitchen of her apartment today.

Beside her was her poodle, "Toodles," also dead.

Detectives said four gas jets on the stove were open and reported a metal box containing a will and insurance papers, was found on a nearby tabe. Coroner A. Magruder MacDonald is investigating.

Residents at the apartment house where Mrs. Alderson made her home said she has been despondent lately over ill health.

Mrs. Alderson was unusually fond of her dog, her neighbors said, and kept it with her most of the time. The dog was given to her as a present last Christmas.

No hotes were found in the apartment. The coroner said he was undecided about holding an inquest.

Lord Cushendun Dies

CUSHENDUN, Ireland — Lord Cushendun, 72, who as Ronald McNeill was a leader in British politics for many years, died today.

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unsuccessful attempt to start the motor.

When this failed he tried to make a "dead stick" landing on the race track of the Whitney estate. The plane overshot the field and crashed in a ditch.

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'Pretty Boy' Floyd Heads for Oklahoma

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miles below the Iowa line. They were in a small car speeding southward along U. S. highway 65 which bisects Iowa and Missouri and leads into Arkansas. The outlaw was known to be armed with machine guns and shotguns.

TRAPS ARE SET

Traps were set for the car along the highway in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. Highways in Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma were guarded on the chance that the elusive killer, who has evaded the law several years, would escape the traps. Police had the license number of the car in which he was traveling.

Floyd had been unheard of for months and many believed he had died from a wound suffered in a robbery, in some unknown hideout. But yesterday afternoon at McIntire, Iowa, Deputy Sheriff William Owens, who knows him by sight, flushed him and two companions from a farmhouse. They escaped northward into Minnesota.

They doubled back into Iowa, being sighted at Leroy, Iowa, a short distance from the Missouri line, late in the afternoon.

Floyd and his lieutenant, Adam Richetti, were named Wednesday as two of three men who shot down four officers and a Federal prisoner in the Union Station massacre here June 17, 1933.

CAN'T FIND HIDEAWAY

Officers believed "Pretty Boy" hoped to escape into the Cookson Hills of eastern Oklahoma, where he has many times before taken refuge when hard pressed. Thus far efforts of Oklahoma officers to discover the secret of his hideaway in these badlands have been fruitless.

Prior to yesterday, Floyd was last seen by Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, of Polk County, Mo., in Kansas City June 16, 1933. Killingsworth had been kidnaped by Floyd and Richetti and put out of their machine here the day before the Union Station mass slaying.

Floyd was last in custody in March, 1929, when he was released from the Missouri state penitentiary after serving four years for banditry.

TO BE INDICTED

When a Federal grand jury convenes Oct. 22 Federal agents hope to indict Floyd, Richetti and nine others, already held on indictments charging obstruction of justice, or freed on bond, for participation in the massacre.

Merle A. Gill, ballistic expert, announced that machine gun cartridges found at the scene of the union station massacre and at the spot where John Lazia, north side Democratic leader, was murdered last July, bore the imprint of the same firing pin.

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FLOYD HUNTED IN OKLAHOMA'S HILL HIDEOUTS

U. S. Agents Question Driver Who Was Paid in Gold by Two Mysterious Passengers

TULSA, Okla., Oct. 12 (U.P.). The hunt for Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd spread tonight to the Cookson Hills region near here with the report that the elusive outlaw had reached his old hideouts there.

Agents of the State and Department of Justice sought a cabbie who reported to his companions that he drove a man answering Floyd's description to Talequah and was paid in gold.

The cab driver returned to Tulsa tonight and displayed two $5 gold pieces and one $10 gold piece which he said his mysterious passenger had paid him.

The Cookson Hills territory has long been a hideout for Floyd and his followers. The driver, according to companions, sought to engage his fare in conversation during the 73-mile trip but was unsuccessful. The passenger had two large heavy bags.

Meanwhile, the hunt for the outlaw was not relaxed in Missouri and Iowa where he was sighted several times during the past two days.

Gangster's Widow Held In Probe of Massacre

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 12 (U.P.).—Mrs. Vivian Miller, widow of Verne Miller, slain gangster, was held by Federal authorities tonight as they gathered up loose ends in their investigation of the Union Station massacre of five men here last year.

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Flush 'Pretty Boy' Floyd in Iowa Battle

McIntire, Ia., Oct. 11.—[Special.]—Three bandits, one of them said to be Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, Oklahoma's notorious outlaw, engaged officers in a gun battle here late this afternoon, and then escaped northward toward the Minnesota boundary.

Later, however, a state police radio broadcast reported that the bandit car was seen driving north out of Riceville, Ia., located south of McTire, which is in Mitchell county.

The bandits, dressed in overalls and driving a Ford V-8, did not wound any of the officers during the battle, and the police were unable to determine whether or not any of their shots tok effect.

Two States Hunt Trio.

Officers of Iowa and Minnesota were on the bandits' trail late today.

Two bureau of investigation agents have been in this territory for the last three days, working on a tip that Floyd was biding out in this area. The Howard county sheriff and his deputy were known to have been among the officers who attempted to halt the bandits. They told the McIntire city marshall that they were sure one of the bandits was Floyd.

The officers rushed on without explaining how they happened to flush Floyd and his companions.

Say They Have Machine Gun.

It was reported the trio had a machine gun and several automatic rifles. St. Paul agents were notified and a net spread.

The gun fight occurred about a mile south of McIntire this afternoon.

The bureau of investigation said Floyd had been sought in the area for the last few days.

The Iowa battle followed closely an announcement at Kansas City by federal officers that Floyd had been identified as a participant in the union station massacre there in June, 1933.

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POLICE LOSE TRAIL OF 'PRETTY BOY'; ROADS BLOCKADED

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Officers of the Missouri state highway patrol, county and city police rushed into the area. Roads were blocked.

Linked with Slaying of Five

Floyd, who this week first was definitely linked with the slaying of four officers and their convict prisoner at Kansas City June 17, 1933, was reported in Iowa yesterday, headed south, presumably to retreats in Missouri or Oklahoma.

After a sharp exchange of fire between the fugitives and officers near Cresco, Ia., Deputy Sheriff Will Owens said there was "no question" but that the elusive Floyd had been encountered.

Iowa officers caught up with the three men near a farmhouse one and a half miles south of McIntire, but the fugitives ran from the field to a black sedan, and roared away with the officers in pursuit.

"May Have Been Warned"

Owens said Floyd may have received a tip that the law was hot on his trail, enabling him to be ready for his escape before the trap could be sprung effectively.

He discounted a report that one of Floyd's companions was George (Baby Face) Nelson, Dillinger gangster.

FLEES TO HILLS

Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd

Chicago Daily Times

Held in Kansas City Massacre Case

Richard T. Galatas and his wife, who were arrested in New Orleans, in connection with the massacre at Kansas City June 17, 1933, when four police officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, escaped convict and murderer, were shot down.
—Wide World Photo.

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'Pretty Boy' Floyd Shoots Way Thru Officers to Flee

United Press.

MINTYRE, Iowa, Oct. 11. — Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, notorious outlaw of the Southwest, escaped late today from a trap laid by state and county authorities near the Iowa-Minnesota boundary.

The outlaw and two companions recognized one of the officers of the raiding party and escaped into Minnesota.

Authorities said they were positive of Floyd's identification.

State Agent Glen Haight and Deputy Sheriff William Owens, acting on a tip from the state bureau of investigation, were looking for Floyd at a farm house when the desperado recognized Owens, whom he previously encountered in a battle with the law.

The sheriff's office at Austin, Minn., was notified to be on the lookout for the fleeing outlaws, believed to be headed in that direction.

Surprised at their farm house hideout, Floyd and his companion jumped into an automobile and fled thru a barrage of bullets, some of which struck their car.

Floyd is wanted in connection with the Kansas City, Mo., Union Station massacre and many other crimes.

The officers had driven down a country road about three miles south of here and spotted Floyd in the farm yard. His two companions were in a field nearby. When the officers turned to return to town to round up a posse, Floyd saw them and recognized Owens.

Jumping into his car, he began firing on the officers. This attracted his pals, who ran up from the field as Haight and Owens started to shoot it out with Floyd.

With his companions also shooting, Floyd drove his car past the officers and swung North toward the Minnesota line.

Politics-Crime Combine Seen in Station Murders

BY FRANCIS J. CONNOR.
Special Dispatch from a Staff Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—Every indication today pointed to the determined intention of Attorney-General Cummings to order an extensive federal grand jury investigation into an alleged politico-gangster alliance believed responsible for the mass murder executed in the Union station plaza in Kansas City in June, 1933.

It was learned authoritatively today that federal agents investigating the "massacre," in which a federal agent and three police officers were slain, have uncovered evidence of a liaison between politicians and the underworld so startling in its implications that decision has been reached to proceed with the federal grand jury inquiry without delay.

Oct. 21 is the date tentatively set for the government's probe into the slaughter, but whether this date is definitely decided upon, the inquiry will be launched because of its alleged political ramifications in time to have it completed before the fall congressional elections in November.

Two Men Slain.

Two men who would have figured prominently in the government's revelations have had their lips sealed by underworld gunfire and grand jury proceedings will be rushed in the fear that other important figures linked with the mass slaughter may be "put on the spot."

When summoned, it was learned, the grand jury may issue subpoenas for prominent Kansas City politicians, past and present, as well as [illegible] city.

The two who were slain by gangster enemies while federal officers were investigating them were John Lazia, "boss" of Kansas City's north side and political colleague of "Big Tom" Pendergast, political leader, and Verne Miller, ex-sheriff of South Dakota and Chicago bootlegger-gangster, identified definitely as one of the "trigger men" in the station slayings which claimed the life of Federal Agent Raymond Caffrey and his three police companions.

Guard Other Witnesses.

James La Capra, small-fry gangster and rival of Lazia, Richard ("Dick") Galatas, ex-politician and swindler, his wife, and a number of other important witnesses are being closely guarded by government officers. La Capra and Galatas have requested that they be kept in jail for "self-protection," not only because of fear of gangland retaliation but, it is said, they are apprehensive lest political influence have them "rubbed out" as a "face-saving" measure.

Taciturn federal investigators arrested the priestly appearing Galatas and his wife in New Orleans on Sept. 22, but moved them immediately to Chicago, where the two were held incommunicado and plied with questions for days before being arraigned in Kansas City. It is reported the two supplied the government with information that substantiated previous information believed gleaned from La Capra involving a Kansas City politico-gangster tieup in connection with the crime.

Waivers Were Signed.

Galatas and his wife, according to report, willingly signed waivers for the transfer to Chicago after their arrest, as a safety precaution, while the government wished to question them there because both Nash and Miller had been active in underworld operations in Chicago and environs prior to the Kansas City killing.

William Stanley, assistant to Attorney-General Cummings, declared the arrest of Galatas and his wife "solved" the slayings. Meager information obtained from Galatas and others by agents of the division of investigation has been disclosed, but a mass of sensational data is being withheld pending the grand jury inquiry.

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LINKS POLITICS TO MASSACRE

Startling Evidence Reported in Kansas City Killings.

GRAND JURY TO BE CALLED

U. S. Said to Have Uncovered Wide Combine With Gangsters.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (A. P.).—The Washington Evening Star said today that Federal agents investigating the Kansas City Union Station massacre had uncovered evidence of a political and gangster combine so startling in its implications that a Federal Grand Jury investigation would be instituted almost immediately.

Rex Collier said in the Star story that two men who had figured prominently in the Government's evidence already had been slain by gangsters and the Grand Jury inquiry was being hastened for fear that other important figures in the massacre of June 17, 1933, might be killed.

The story added:

"The two who were slain by gangster enemies while Federal officers were investigating them were John Lazia, boss of Kansas City's North Side, and Verne Miller, former Dakota sheriff and outlaw, identified as one of the trigger men in the station slayings.

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"Ramifications of the conspiracy which resulted in the machine-gun murder of Federal Agent Raymond Caffery, three police officers and their prisoner, Frank [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] high [illegible] [illegible] and political [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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FROM: COURIER-EXPRESS, Oct. 12, 1934.

FLOYD FLUSHED FROM HIDEOUT, BUT ESCAPES

Southwest's phantom badman shoots it out in running gun battle

Cresco, Ia., Oct. 11 (AP)—Two Iowa officers flushed Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd from a farmhouse hideout near the Minnesota border today, but the Southwest's "phantom" badman and two outlaw companions escaped in a running gun battle and sped away in a bullet punctured automobile.

A wide dragnet was quickly spread to snare the trio, who, armed with a machine gun and automatic rifles, whizzed northward into Minnesota, dodged west and were believed by officers tonight to have headed back into Iowa.

Unrecognized at First

After a hot chase, Deputy Sheriff Will Owens of Howard County, who with State Agent A. G. Haight of Des Moines came upon the bandits at the Bosteter farmhouse near McIntire, Ia., returned to his headquarters here tonight and related this story of the gunfight before again taking up the trail.

Owens had seen Floyd in a house in the Cresco territory where he had gone to serve papers more than a week ago. At first he did not recognize the gunman, but later suspected his presence in the neighborhood.

He reported to the state bureau of investigation at Des Moines which dispatched Agent Haight to assist in the manhunt.

Owens said he and Haight, while searching for Floyd in the vicinity of McIntire this afternoon, observed a car parked beside a cornfield near the Bosteter home. One man, whom Owens later identified as Floyd, was seated in the car behind the wheel.

Owens entered the corn field, pretending to check pheasant hunting prospects. Two other men came from the field, jumped into the car and it sped away.

Owens returned to his car where Haight was waiting and pursued the bandit automobile. When he overtook the car Owens recognized the driver as Floyd, but the bandits fled before the officers could nab them.

The peace officers gave chase and cornered the outlaws at the end of a blind road.

Use Machine Gun

The outlaw car about faced and both officers and bandits opened fire but their shots went wild. One of the bandit bullets pierced the frame of the officers' car, narrowly missing Owens' head. The bullet later was identified as having been fired from a .45-caliber machine gun, Owens related.

The officers soon were outdistanced in pursuit, and the hunt spread into Southern Minnesota. Owens said the trio were later seen driving west and he believed they headed back into Iowa.

Officers tonight had hope their net might bring an end to the bloody career of the 30-year-old Oklahoma outlaw, sought as a suspect in some 30 bank robberies, and a half dozen murders, and yesterday named by the government as one of the actual killers in the Union Station massacre of five men in Kansas City in 1933.

NEW YORK SUN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1934.

Pretty Boy Eludes Pursuit

Desperado Spotted Three Times in Missouri but Slips Away Each Time.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 12 (A. P.).—A widespread man hunt was being pushed through Missouri today for Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Southwestern desperado, who was reported sighted at three points in the central section of the State after his brush with posses in northern Iowa and Minnesota yesterday.

State, county and city policemen joined forces in a will o' the wisp chase of the notorious bank robber and killer, who has been named as one of the three machine gunners who shot down four policemen and a convict at the Union Station, Kansas City, in June, 1933.

Floyd and two companions in a motor car were first reported seen south of Mexico this morning. Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City expressed belief that one of Floyd's companions was Adam Richetti, who also has been named by the Department of Justice as one of the Kansas City station killers.

A National Guard airplane was ordered to Columbia from St. Louis by Adjt.-Gen. Harold V. Brown to aid in the man hunt.

Stopped at Farmhouse.

At noon the State Highway Patrol and officers turned their search toward Moberly after receiving a report that three men had stopped at the farm home of Mrs. Ed Ginther, near there, and asked for a towel and soap. They explained that one of their companions had cut his finger on a car door. Mrs. Ginther said that all three appeared nervous, and that after reentering their automobile they sped north toward Cairo.

O. L. Blanchard, a salesman, formerly a detective, started the hunt. When he reported to the Mexico police that he had see a man answering Floyd's description five miles south of Mexico this morning. Highway patrolmen and county and town policemen in the territory immediately started a search.

Trail Lost Again.

Twelve miles south of Mexico, at the intersection of highways 40 and 54, the trail was lost.

Blanchard said that he was certain that one of the three men who confronted him with revolvers when he stopped to offer aid to them was Floyd. Their car had apparently stalled.

He said that he convinced the men that his automobile, recently overhauled, would not be speedy enough for their use, and they ordered him to "head down the road toward Mexico.

The search for Floyd centered in Iowa yesterday when he was flushed at a farm house hideout near the Minnesota border. The Iowa police engaged the phantom bad man in a running gun fight, but he and two companions escaped in a bullet-punctured automobile. All main highway bridges and intersections in Missouri were ordered blocked today.

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U. S. SPEEDS QUIZ OF MASS MURDER

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BY REX COLLIER.

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Ramifications of the conspiracy which resulted in the machine-gun murder of Federal Agent Raymond Caffrey, three police officers and their prisoner, Frank Nash, are said to extend high into former official and political circles of the Missouri city.

Indictments May Be Asked.

Indictments of one or more persons active in the Kansas City political organization may be sought by the Government, it is said.

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Floyd Slips Traps, Plane Aids Posses

3 Communities Report Seeing 'Pretty Boy' and Richetti.

Kansas City, Oct. 12 (AP). — The Southwest's two most notorious outlaws — Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his companion, Adam Richetti—were hunted by posses in central and eastern Missouri tonight, after the elusive killers, reported sighted in at least three communities, had dodged police traps throughout the day.

A National Guard airplane, equipped with two-way radio communication, and carrying a machine gun, was ordered from St. Louis to aid State, county and city officers in the Missouri manhunt.

Bridges and highway junctions were barricaded and guarded. State highway partolmen in radio-equipped motor cars aided in spreading the net in which it was hoped to trap the desperadoes named by the Department of Justice as two of the three "trigger men" who killed four officers and a convict at the Kansas City Union Station June 17, 1933.

The manhunt was launched after O. L. Blanchard, Kansas City salesman, and former detective, reported he had seen a man answering Floyd's description five miles south of Mexico, Mo., this morning.

Confronted by Three Men.

Blanchard said three men confronted him with revolvers when he stopped to offer them aid because their automobile apparently was stalled. After he convinced them his car was not speedy enough for their use, they ordered him to "head down the road," he said.

Officers expressed belief one of the two men with Floyd was Richetti, and the other was Shine Rush, a known companion of "Pretty Boy" and Richetti. The man believed to be Rush was on the rear seat of the car, groaning in apparent pain, Blanchard said.

Missouri officers, who had been watching for Floyd since he escaped after a running gun battle with Iowa officers yesterday, took up the chase immediately.

At one time, Floyd and his companions were reported surrounded in a corn field south of Mexico. The trail was lost later 12 miles south of Mexico, at the intersection of highways No. 40 and No. 54.

Hunt Turns to Moberly.

The hunt then turned to the vicinity of Moberly, Mo., after Mrs. Ed Ginther reported three men stopped at her farm about noon and asked for a towel and soap, explaining that one of their companions had cut his finger on a car door. The man who used the soap and towel drew from his pocket a .32 and a .38 caliber cartridge and asked if she had any

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Floyd Dodges His Pursuers; Plane in Hunt

3 Communities Report Sighting the Killers; Roads Blocked.

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weapons they would fit, Mrs. Ginther said.

The trio appeared nervous, Mrs. Ginther said, and sped toward Cairo, six miles north of Moberly, after reentering their car.

About an hour later, the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation announced a man said to resemble Floyd was reported to have left Leon, Iowa, about 1 p. m. and headed south toward Lamoni, Iowa, and the Missouri line.

The bureau said the report came from Rich Anderson, an investigator for the Iowa Liquor Commission, who was working in southern Iowa.

A garage owner said the man handed him five $100 bills with which to pay for a new motor car. When the car dealer examined the money, he said the man left the garage, walked down the street to his parked car and drove south toward Lamoni.

It is approximately 175 miles by highway between Moberly, Mo., and Leon, Iowa.

Accused of Killings.

Floyd's brush with the Iowa officers yesterday occurred just a day after the Department of Justice named him, Richetti and Verne Miller as the actual slayers in the Union Station quintuple slaying. Miller was killed last November, apparently by gangsters.

The Federal Government pushed ahead for early prosecution of others implicated in the Union Station killings, which followed an attempt to liberate Frank Nash, escaped Federal prisoner who was being returned to prison at Leavenworth, Kans.

Vivian Mathias, who also was known as Mrs. Verne Miller, was arraigned here today on charges of conspiring to release a Federal prisoner, and held under $25,000 bond.

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"Pretty Boy" Floyd Escapes Following Gun Fight in Iowa

DES MOINES, Oct. 11.—(AP)—State agents from the bureau of investigation and the Mitchell county sheriff engaged in a gun battle with "Pretty Boy" Floyd, near McIntire today but the notorious Oklahoma bandit escaped, the bureau announced.

The bureau reported that Floyd fled north in a light model car, presumably toward Minnesota.

St. Paul authorities were immediately notified and a crime net spread to catch the widely sought bandit.

Floyd was named yesterday as one of the perpetrators of the union station massacre in Kansas City and as being sought by the government for that crime.

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Floyd and Nelson Shoot Way Free in Fight With Police

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Wreck Reveals Secret Purchase to Parents; First Time He Failed Them!

It was of no importance to any one else in the world, perhaps, that Donald Heck hadn't told his parents of the ramshackle car he bought for $15.

But it was more important by far to him than the law scholarship he had asked of Cornell, more important than his studies at Normal Junior City College, for it marked the first time in his eighteen years that he had, as he saw it, failed his mother and father.

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SURPRISE FOR PARENTS.

Outlaws Surprised Working as Iowa Farm Hands:

SHOOT ON RUN

U. S. Agents Sent to Help Great Man-Hunt.

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He bought the car two weeks ago. The down payment was $4 he had earned working noons in the lunchroom near the college at 6800 Stewart av. When he had made all the payments, he was going to surprise his parents.

Some one else did that, Police Sergeant James O'Brien, who called at the home at 7931 Vernon av. yesterday to ask about the car found abandoned after a wreck. Donald's letter to Cornell was in it.

NOT SO IMPORTANT.

When Donald came home, his mother mentioned it. Donald told her about the car, which a schoolmate he had lent it to had wrecked. She didn't reprimand him, but told him she would have to inform his father, Frank, when he came home. It wasn't even particularly important to her.

She didn't know it was important to Donald, until she heard the shot from the back porch.

—See the Fair NOW—

Bar and Bench to Honor Dunne at 81

With the presentation of his portrait to the Circuit Court, ex-Judge, Mayor and Governor Edward F. Dunne, and now federal commissioner to A Century of Progress, will be honored by leading members of the bench and bar on his eighty-first birthday in the County Building tomorrow. The portrait, painted by Mrs. Paul Godehn, wife of the Chicago attorney, will be accepted by Chief Justice Joseph Burke of the Circuit Court.

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The identification of Nelson as a companion of Floyd was made by Sheriff William Owens, while State Agent Art Haight identified Floyd in a conversation with federal agents and other authorities who massed for the state's widest manhunt along the Minnesota-Iowa border tonight.

U. S. AGENTS ARRIVE.

Tonight this little community was the center of activity with heavily armed federal agents arriving from St. Paul and Omaha to direct the hunt for two of the nation's most notorious bad men.

Aided by a hundred or more farmer deputies from the several counties along the Iowa-Minnesota border, the state bureau of investigation, police of several cities and towns and the combined sheriffs' forces they combed every highway, road and farm for a trace of the desperadoes.

The outlaws fired repeatedly on Haight and Owens, but none was injured.

AUTO RIDDLED.

Haight's automobile was riddled by bullets.

Floyd and his two companions have been working on a farm at McIntire for several days, Agent Haight said. He prepared to trap them with the aid of several sheriffs and their deputies.

In reconnoitering today, Haight and Deputy Sheriff Owens drove past the farm house to see if Floyd's car was there. They saw it, and as they continued down the road a distance Floyd spotted them

Labor Moves to Or

'BABY FACE' IN TRAP; FIGHTS HIS WAY OUT

Cornered With 'Pretty Boy' Floyd on Iowa Farm; U. S. Aids and Farmers Join Hunt

and apparently recognized Owens. Turning back, the officers saw Floyd rush into the house and then retrace his step and drive away, summoning his companions from their work in the fields by tooting his auto horn.

TELLS OF ROAD BATTLE.

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MAN-HUNT!—*Where law is closing in on outlaw.*

machine gun fire. The officers could not return the fire at the short range because of the outlaws' blast of bullets.

The desperadoes then drove toward Austin, Minn., and after a few miles fast riding through Minnesota turned back toward this city. A general alarm was given throughout [illegible] in years.

The first reports to police said three companions accompanied the outlaw, but officers Haight and Owens said definitely only three men were in the car. They were positive of their identification of Floyd.

Federal agents summoned into the chase set up strategic centers at Austin, Minn., and Osage, Ia., determined to capture the trio alive if possible.

Nelson has been missing for months and is hunted with a price of $5,000 on his head, while rewards totaling $7,000 have been offered for the capture, dead or alive, of Floyd.

BOUGHT HIS GRAVE!

That Floyd will not be taken alive is the belief of most of his pursuers who point out that the daring outlaw has already purchased a grave for himself at Seminole, Okla., and made preparations for his burial there.

—World's Fair Ends October 31—

Writ Blocks New Dyers' Price War

As a measure of preventing another threatened price war and violence among cleaners and dyers, Judge Stanley H. Klarkowski yesterday issued a temporary writ restraining twenty-two firms from cutting prices established by ninety-four others. The latter are members of the Cleaning and Dyeing Plant Owners' Association of Chicago. The established prices now are 60 cents for cash-and-carry work and 75 cents for delivered garments.

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CRESCO HIGH SCHOOL, CRESCO, IOWA, OCT. 18, 1934

'Ding' Owens Class of 1920 Battles Bandit

William "Ding" Owens, Deputy Sheriff of Howard County and graduate of this high school, class of 1920, almost succeeded in capturing the notorious desperado "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He and state officer A. G. Haight clashed with the Oklahoma outlaw and two members of his gang yesterday afternoon on the Bostetter farm located near McIntire, 20 miles west of Cresco.

Yesterday climaxed the week's hunt when the two officers met Floyd coming out of the driveway of the Bostetter farm. Floyd recognized Owens who had the misfortune of serving a notice ten days ago. The bandit upon seeing the officers stopped a short way down the road and honked at the two men in the field shocking corn and they came running over and jumped in the car. Owens and Haight fired at the desperados and turned the car around and gave chase. They chased the bandits about three miles north to a blind road. Two men in the car jumped out and started shooting a sub-machine gun. Two of the bullets pierced the officers' car three inches over Owen's head. Floyd turned the car around and his confederates jumped in. The two officers jumped out of the car and shot back at them. It is probable that one of the men was hit, but the car did not slacken speed. Owens and Haight dashed to the car and gave chase. Floyd and his men went north within four miles of the Minnesota line and then turned south across Iowa into Missouri. Last night about 10 o'clock, it was reported the desperado was seen near Preston, Missouri, approximately 500 miles from here.

"Pretty Boy" Floyd is public enemy No. 2 and is wanted for a number of killings including the Nash killing committed June 17, 1933 in Missouri.

Floyd was driving a Ford V-8, license number [illegible]. The plates were stolen from a Buick belonging to a woman living in Britt, Iowa. The car was loaded with suitcases and clothes, which would indicate that they were about ready to leave when surprised. All three men were wearing blue denim overalls. Floyd was behind the wheel during the whole battle.

A. G. Haight and "Ding" Owens have been working together for about a week on this case. The search has now been shifted to Missouri territory where officers are patrolling all main highways.

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'PRETTY BOY,' 2 PALS, FLEE AFTER FIGHT

Much Sought Outlaw Surprised at Farm Near McIntire, Ia.

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

CRESCO, IA.—A gunman identified as Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and two companions clashed with officers northwest of here Thursday afternoon and then escaped after a gun battle in a Ford V-8 auto bearing stolen license plates.

The Oklahoma desperado has been hiding out in this area two weeks, officers were told. Several days ago the state bureau of investigation received a tip that he was in the neighborhood, and an investigation was started.

Surprise Outlaw.

Deputy Sheriff Owens of Howard county and State Agent A. G. Haight surprised the outlaw and his companions Thursday afternoon at a farm near McIntire, Ia. Chased by officers into a blind road, the gunmen turned around and, drove out, firing with a machine gun when their car passed that of the two officers.

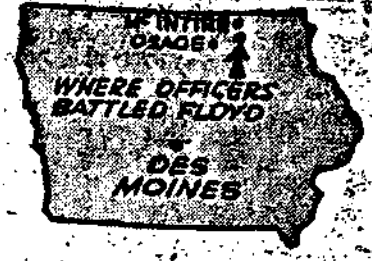
One bullet lodged in the auto a few inches from where Owens was sitting. The officers returned fire with their revolvers and chased the car of the trio south to near Riceville, Ia., where it outdistanced theirs.

Patrols Stationed.

Patrols were stationed at strategic points along highways in northern Iowa and southern Minnesota late Thursday night, hoping to pick up the trail of the gunmen, whose car was reported to bear bullet scars.

The car was reported seen by a farmer at 7:45 p. m. along the Minnesota line heading north toward Austin, Minn.

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.



Standing in Yard.

Deputy Owens and Haight, although hunting for Floyd, had not expected to find him when they stopped at the L. Bostetter farm a mile south of McIntire Thursday.

They did not pay any attention to a man standing in the yard until they saw him run to a corn field, evidently after he recognized the officers. He summoned two other men from the corn field, and the three, all in overalls, jumped into their Ford V-8, parked along the road, and drove away.

Recognizes Floyd.

The trio evidently had not expected to be chased and did not drive rapidly. Haight and Owens caught up with them after they had gone a mile, and Owens recognized Floyd driving.

The car of the gunmen then speeded up and was about to outdistance that of the officers when it turned into a blind road a few miles farther east.

30 Shots Fired.

Wheeling around, the gunmen drove back to the main road at top speed. From the rear seat, the muzzle of a machine gun protruded, and nearly 30 shots were

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fired as the gunmen sped past the officers, coming from the opposite direction.

The speed at which both cars were being driven is believed to have prevented machine gun bullets from riddling the car of the officers. The bullet which did take effect was found in the auto top.

Tip From Farmer.

The tip that one of the men was Floyd was received several days ago from a farmer who said that one of the other two gunmen had bragged that the leader of the trio was the much-sought southwestern outlaw.

Deputy Owens recalled meeting the man at a farm near Bonair, Ia., and remembered that he had disappeared when he learned that Owens was an officer. Shown a picture of Floyd, Owens identified the suspect as the outlaw.

Asks State Aid.

Sheriff Tollof Johnson of Howard county then made the request for state assistance, and State Agent Haight came here Saturday to help press the case.

The officers learned that the three men, who had been living near Bonair, had moved to the northwestern part of the county and were staying somewhere near McIntire. Their trip Thursday was to find where they were staying. The officers had planned to capture the outlaw later when they had more men.

Had Not Worked.

Farmers told officers that the three men had not worked since coming here. Haight and Owens said, however, that they believed that Floyd's two companions were shucking corn on the Bonstetter farm Thursday afternoon. They were said to have plenty of money, however. They did much pheasant hunting, officers were told.

Federal officers were expected here late Thursday night to assist in the investigation. More state officers also were coming from Des Moines.

Stolen License Plates.

Checking the number of the gunmen's car, officers found that the plates had come from a Buick stolen from a woman at Britt, Ia., recently. The license number was 41-875.

Officers were told by one farmer that one of Floyd's companions fitted the description of "Baby Face" Nelson, the Dillinger gangster, but they discounted this, pointing out that Floyd never had been known to operate with the Dillinger gang.

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FLUSH "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD IN IOWA GUN FIGHT

Trio Flee North for Minnesota.

McIntyre, Ia., Oct. 11.—[Special.]—Encountered by state agents on a farm near here this afternoon, a man identified as Charles ["Pretty Boy"] Floyd, Oklahoma's notorious outlaw, and two companions battled with the officers, escaped in a Ford V-8 bearing the Iowa license number 41-875, and tonight were the objects of a man hunt by police of two states.

Trapped in a blind road two miles west of the farm, where they had been surprised by Deputy Sheriff Owens of Howard county and State Agent Haight, the fugitives turned around and drove out, only to encounter the officers. A burst of machine gun fire answered the agents' signals to halt and the police responded with revolvers.

Expected to Seek Twin Cities.

Neither outlaws nor officers were struck by the bullets as the fugitive car plowed through safely and headed south. The gunmen, however, were expected to turn north on the road heading to the Twin Cities.

The tip as to the outlaw's whereabouts came from a farmer living near here, who said one of the companions had bragged that the leader was Floyd. The state bureau of investigation was notified and Haight sent here.

He and Owens stopped at a farm house a mile south of here this afternoon, and upon entering, Owens recognized a man sitting inside as Floyd. Disregarding calls to halt, Floyd jumped up, called to two men who were husking corn in a neighboring field, and the three ran to a car and drove off, with the officers giving chase. Identity of Floyd's companions is not known.

Licenses Are for Stolen Car.

License plates on the fugitive car were found to correspond with those of a Buick car stolen at Britt, Ia., several weeks ago. This checks up with the story that the outlaws had been in this vicinity for nearly two weeks, staying at several farm homes. The men, although dressed in overalls, when surprised today, were declared to have had plenty of money and to have spent much of the time hunting pheasants, despite the fact that the season is closed on the birds. The man identified as Floyd was known as "Ed" by those who had talked with him.

Federal officers were expected tonight to take charge of the investigation.

Summon 50 Witnesses.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 11.—(AP)—Moving swiftly to bring to early trial the persons implicated in the slaying of five persons at the Kansas City Union station June 17, 1933, the federal government today prepared summonses for 50 witnesses to appear before the grand jury Oct. 21.

Randall Wilson, assistant United State district attorney, said the indictments to be returned will charge conspiracy to obstruct justice in the attempt to free Frank Nash, escaped federal prisoner who was being returned to Leavenworth penitentiary.

Four officers and Nash were killed by machine gun fire as they were entering an automobile in front of the Union station.

Meanwhile the government continued to press its vigorous search for Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, southwestern gunman, and Adam Richetti, his companion, who were named yesterday by the department of justice as two of the actual slayers.

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FLOYD SHOOTS CLEAR OF TRAP

"Pretty Boy" Exchanges Shots With Iowa Officers and Flees North

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 11—(Associated Press)—Less than 24 hours after the government named him one of the slayers in the quintuple Kansas City Union station massacre, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, southwestern desperado shot his way clear from a party of Iowa officers late today only to set a host of federal, state and local authorities on his new trail.

The hunt pressed on into Minnesota after Agent A. G. Haight of the Iowa bureau of investigation and Sheriff Tollof Johnson of Howard county exchanged shots with the outlaw and two companions near McIntire this afternoon. The trio fled north across the Iowa border in a black modern sedan, Haight said.

Haight quickly informed the bureau headquarters here of the skirmish and it announced that no one, presumably, was wounded. Little detail of the encounter was available.

D. M. Ladd, regional chief for the federal department of justice at St. Paul, also was informed and a

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net quickly spread out to intercept the long sought outlaw.

The agent reported the trio possessed a machine gun and several automatic rifles. He said in their car were several raincoats, a suit of brown clothes, three leather suitcases and two light tan brief cases. It was much splotched and bullet scarred from the encounter.

The McIntire city marshall reported that the gun fight occurred about a mile south of town at about 3:30 this afternoon. He said the bandits headed north on a county road leading into Minnesota.

The bureau said Haight and the Howard county sheriff had been seeking Floyd in the northern Iowa area for the past several days, on a tip that the outlaw was in the neighborhood.

At Kansas City today the government prepared summonses for fifty witnesses to appear before the grand jury October 21 to investigate the massacre and announced it would make a vigorous search for Floyd, and Adam Richetti, his companion, who were named yesterday by the department of justice as two of the actual slayers. Verne Miller, the third "trigger man" named by the department, was killed last November in a gang slaying.

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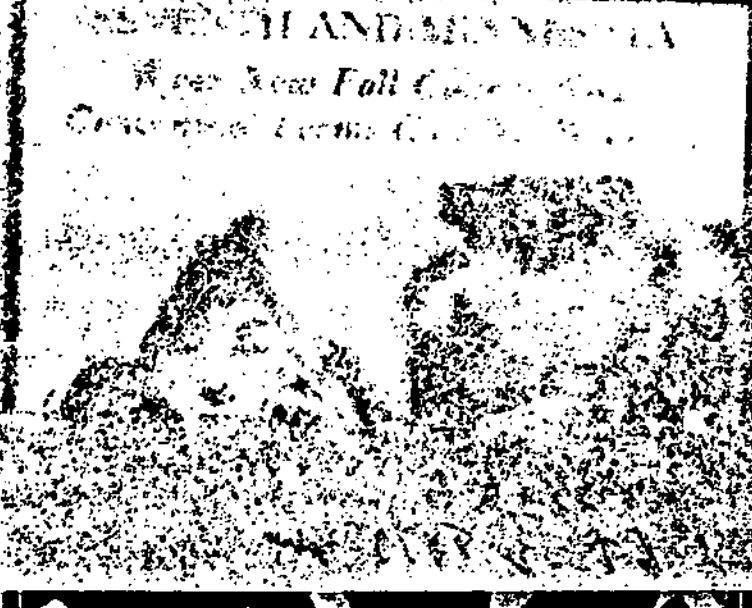

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GOVERNMENT JAILS TWO WITNESSES TO SAVE THEIR LIVES

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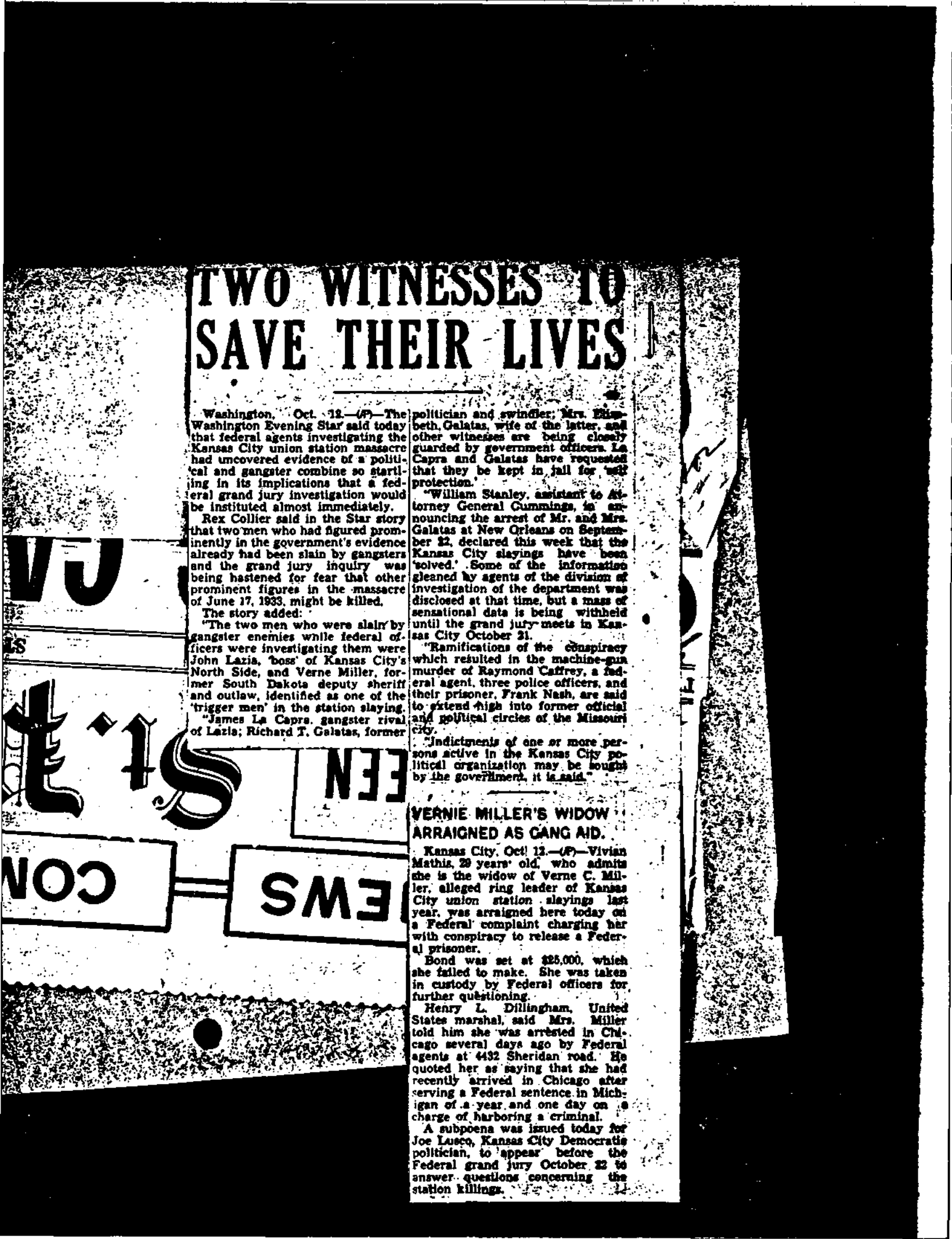

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VERNIE MILLER'S WIDOW ARRAIGNED AS GANG AID.

Kansas City, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Vivian Mathis, 29 years old, who admits she is the widow of Verne C. Miller, alleged ring leader of Kansas City union station slayings last year, was arraigned here today on a Federal complaint charging her with conspiracy to release a Federal prisoner.

Bond was set at $25,000, which she failed to make. She was taken in custody by Federal officers for further questioning.

Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal, said Mrs. Miller told him she was arrested in Chicago several days ago by Federal agents at 4432 Sheridan road. He quoted her as saying that she had recently arrived in Chicago after serving a Federal sentence in Michigan of a year and one day on a charge of harboring a criminal.

A subpoena was issued today for Joe Lusco, Kansas City Democratic politician, to appear before the Federal grand jury October 22 to answer questions concerning the station killings.

DESPERADO HUNT SHIFTS; FLOYD SEEN IN MISSOURI

Outlaw Believed 'Pretty Boy' Tries to Take Car from Salesman.

Mexico, Mo., Oct. 12.—(UP)—Peace officers from eastern and central Missouri today concentrated along highways in this vicinity in an effort to halt the flight of Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd.

Floyd, phantom Oklahoma outlaw and named by the government as one of the nation's most desperate criminals, was seen near here this morning.

Apparently in a desperate effort to gain the haven of his Oklahoma hideouts after a clash with officers in northeastern Iowa late yesterday, Floyd and two companions attempted to take the car of a traveling salesman on the highway five miles south of here.

Talks Them Out of Car.

O. L. Blanchard, representative of the Western States Specialty Company of Kansas City, reported to officers here that he came upon two men attempting to crank a Ford V-8 sedan bearing an Illinois license tag.

As he approached the stalled machine the men flagged Blanchard down.

"We want your car," Blanchard quoted a man whom he identified as Floyd as commanding him.

Blanchard protested that he had just had his automobile overhauled and that the mechanic had told him that the machine would fall to pieces if driven more than thirty miles an hour.

"Well," Blanchard quoted the man he said was Floyd as saying, "you can at least give us a push."

Shove Automatic in Back.

Prompted by an automatic pistol shoved in his back, Blanchard complied. He backed his car around and shoved the stalled machine. In a few minutes the motor in the fugitives' machine turned over, and they left, Floyd warning Blanchard that he better go back to Mexico.

Blanchard complied.

The salesman said that a man was stretched out in the rear seat of the fugitives' automobile. He believed that this man had been wounded, perhaps in the gun battle late yesterday near McIntire, Iowa.

From Blanchard's description, officers believed the fugitives were Floyd, Adam Richetti, also accused in the Kansas City station massacre, and "Shine" Rush, another Oklahoma desperado.

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"Pretty Boy" Reported in West Iowa

Des Moines, Oct. 12.—(F)—The state bureau of investigation announced that a man said to resemble Charles (Pretyt Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, was reported to have left Leon, Iowa, about 1 P. M. today and headed south towards Lamoni, Iowa, and the Missouri line.

The bureau said the report came from a "responsible source"—Rich Anderson, an investigator for the Iowa Liquor commission who was working in southern Iowa.

The man was reported to have entered a garage at Leon early this afternoon in an endeavor to purchase a new car.

The garage owner said the man handed him five $100 bills with which to pay for the machine. When the car dealer examined the money, he said, the man left the garage, walked down the street to his parked car and drove south towards Lamoni.

Southern Iowa and northern Missouri sheriffs were notified immediately to patrol all roads for the suspect.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 12, 1934

FLOYD ESCAPES MISSOURI SNARE

Outlaw and Companions Reported Surrounded in Cornfield.

FULTON, Mo., October 12 (AP).—The trail of three men, one believed to be Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, outlaw, was lost at Kingdom City by officers today.

Kingdom City is about 12 miles south of the corn field where the Southwest outlaw and two companions were reported surrounded.

By the Associated Press.

MEXICO, Mo., October 12.—Officers rushed five miles south of here on Highway 54 this morning to investigate reports that three men, one of whom was said to resemble Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, had been surrounded in a corn field.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., October 12 (AP).—A report was received at 9:35 a.m. today by the State Highway Patrol that three men in a light automobile, one resembling Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, had been seen near Mexico, Mo.

Col. B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the Missouri Patrol, said Audrain County officers immediately started in pursuit of the automobile, which was traveling south.

One of the three was in the back seat and apparently was wounded.

Casteel immediately ordered the bridge over the Missouri River at St. Charles, near St. Louis, blocked by troopers and peace officers.

Casteel said the outlaw is "known to have connections" in the territory where he was reported.

FLOYD ELUDES TRAP.

Outlaw and Two Companions Shoot Way Out of Iowa Snare.

CRESCO, Iowa, October 12 (AP).—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the scourge of the Southwest, scurried alive, but perhaps wounded, today from a death trap set by the law.

The notorious desperado and two companions, both of whom were unidentified, headed apparently for a lair in the Ozark Hills after shooting it out with officers.

They were reported today to have been sighted near Princeton, Mo., in their flight to the Missouri badlands.

After a sharp exchange of fire between the fugitives and officers yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Will Owens said there was "no question" but that the elusive Floyd had been encountered.

Iowa officers caught up with the three men near a farm house south of McIntire, but the fugitives ran from the field to a black sedan and sped away.

The bandits led the officers, Owens said, into what was intended to be a death trap of their own. The fugitives sped down a blind road, at the end of which was a vacant house, stationed themselves inside and opened fire as their pursuers approached.

The officers took cover, but were unable to spot their quarry. The bandits, finding their fire ineffective, climed back into their car and sped past the officers.

The officers resumed the pursuit, but were soon outdistanced.

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TULSA WANTS BAD MAN FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATION

By United Press

TULSA, Okla.—A new charge was lodged against Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd today.

Tulsa police want the nation's new premier "bad man" for failing to turn in a traffic ticket left in his automobile when he lived here for several months three years ago. He parked too long in the business district.

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PLANE AIDS SEARCH FOR FLOYD OUTLAWS

Notorious Badman, Reported Sighted at 3 Points in Missouri

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 12.—(AP)—A widespread manhunt was pushed through Missouri today for Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the Southwest desperado being reported sighted at three points in the central section of the state following a brush with posses in Minnesota and northern Iowa Thursday.

State, county and city officers joined forces in a will o' the wisp chase of the notorious bank robber and killer, who has been named as one of the three machine gunners who shot down four officers and a convict at the Kansas City union station in June, 1933.

The outlaw and two companions in a motor car first were reported seen five miles south of Mexico this morning.

Sheriff Thomas Bash of Kansas City expressed belief that one of Floyd's companions was Adam Richetti, a lieutenant of Floyd's who also has been named by the Department of Justice as one of the Kansas City union station killers.

A National Guard airplane was ordered to Columbia from St. Louis by Adjutant General Harold V. Brown to aid in the manhunt.

At noon the state highway patrol and officers turned their search toward Moberly after receiving a report that three men had stopped at the farm home of Mrs. Ed Ginther, near Moberly, and asked for a towel and soap.

They explained that one of their companions had cut his finger on a car door. Mrs. Ginther said all three appeared nervous, and that after re-entering their automobile sped north toward Cairo, six miles north of Moberly.

O. L. Blanchard, salesman from Kansas City, and former detective, started the hunt, when he reported to Mexico police that he had seen a man answering Floyd's description five miles south of Mexico this morning.

Highway patrolmen, county officers and police in the territory immediately started a search.

Twelve miles south of Mexico, at the intersection of Highways 40 and 54, the trail of the trio was lost.

Blanchard said he was certain that one of the three men who confronted him with revolvers when he stopped to offer aid to them was Floyd. Their car apparently was stalled.

He said he convinced the men his automobile, recently overhauled, would not be speedy enough for their use, and they ordered him to "head down the road" toward Mexico.

Search for Floyd centered in Iowa Thursday when he was flushed at a farm house hideout near the Minnesota border. Iowa officers battled the "phantom" badman in a running gun fight, but he and two companions escaped in a bullet-punctured automobile.

All main highway bridges and intersections were ordered blocked by B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol, shortly after the chase started.

The National Guard airplane is equipped with two-way radio facilities and will be in direct touch with WOS, the state-owned radio station in the dome of the Capitol building.

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MILL CITY TIP FALSE

On a tip that one of three men who had arrived in an automobile with a Wisconsin license might be Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Michael Johannes, Minneapolis chief of police, today led fourteen heavily-armed detectives to the Nicollet hotel in that city. Deploying his men outside the second floor room to which the trio had been assigned, the chief knocked on the door and was greeted by three young men who insisted they were Jack Kelly and D. F. Schwarz, musicians and E. Sawyer, waiter, in Minneapolis for ideas on night club entertainment.

The chief wanted to be certain and called for Ray Harrington, identification expert, to bring photographs of Floyd and "Baby Face" Nelson. Harrington and the pictures arrived, and the chief assured himself the three men were not the desperadoes.

"Sorry, boys," the chief said, withdrawing his men.

"Swell," the boys cried. "Think of the publicity this will give us."

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[redacted] In the hands of the police at last are (4) RICHARD T. GALATAS, branded a ringleader in the plot to free Frank Nash which resulted in the Kansas City Union station massacre in June, 1933, and his wife, (5) ELIZABETH. They were arrested in New Orleans [redacted] secret [redacted]

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Floyd Escapes After Staging Gun Duel With Iowa Officers

Des Moines, Iowa, Oct. 11 (AP).—Less than 24 hours after the Government named him one of the slayers in the quintuple Kansas City Union Station massacre, Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Southwestern desperado, shot his way clear from a party of Iowa officers late today only to set a host of Federal, State and local authorities on his new trail.

The hunt pressed on into Minnesota after Agent A. G. Haight of the Iowa Bureau of Investigation and Sheriff Tollof Johnson of Howard County exchanged shots with the outlaw and two companions near McIntire this afternoon. The trio fled north across the Iowa border in a black sedan, Haight said.

Haight informed bureau headquarters here of the skirmish and it announced that no one, presumably, was wounded, but said little detail of the encounter was available.

D. M. Ladd, regional chief for the Federal Department of Justice at St. Paul, also was informed and a net quickly spread to intercept the long-sought outlaw.

The agent reported the trio possessed a machine gun and several automatic rifles. He said their car was bullet scarred from the encounter.

The McIntire city marshal reported that the bandits headed north on a county road leading into Minnesota.

The bureau said Haight and the Howard County sheriff had been seeking Floyd in the northern Iowa area for several days on a tip that the outlaw was in the neighborhood.

Kansas City, Oct. 11 (AP).—Moving swiftly to bring to early trial the persons implicated in the slaying of five persons at the Union Station June 17, 1933, the Federal Government today prepared summonses for

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Floyd Flees Trap After Gun Battle

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50 witnesses to appear before the grand jury October 21.

Randall Wilson, assistant United States district attorney, said the indictments to be returned will charge conspiracy to obstruct justice in the attempt to free Frank Nash, recaptured Federal prisoner, who was being returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Four officers and Nash were killed by machine-gun fire as they were entering an automobile in front of the Union Station.

Because the killings did not occur on Federal property, the Federal charges can be on conspiracy only, Wilson said. The State of Missouri must file any murder charges.

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti, his companion, were named by the Department of Justice as two of the actual slayers. Verne Miller, the third "trigger man" named by the department, was killed last November in a gang slaying.

The others named by the Government as being implicated in the multiple slayings are alleged to have planned or to have known of the attempt to deliver Nash.

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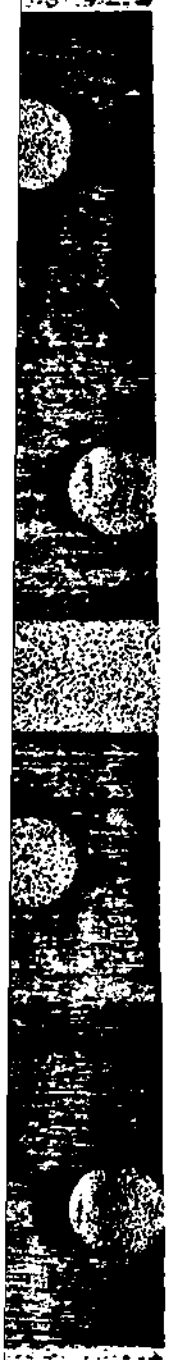

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MOBERLY, MO.--THREE ARMED DESPERADOES THOUGHT TO BE PRETTY [illegible] LOYD AND TWO AIDES, WERE REPORTED NEAR HERE SHORTLY BEFORE NOON.

A FARM WIFE REPORTED A CAR STOPPED AND A MAN CAME TO THE HOUSE AND ASKED FOR A TOWEL AND A PAN OF WATER.

"ONE OF MY FRIENDS HURT HIS HAND AND WANTS TO CLEAN IT UP," THE FELLOW SAID WHEN GIVEN THE WATER AND TOWEL.

AFTER THE TWO MEN HELPED THEIR COMPANION THEY DROVE NORTH ON HIGHWAY 63, TOWARD CAIRO, THE WOMAN SAID.

THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE MEN NORTH OF MOBERLY WOULD INDICATE THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR COURSE AND WERE HEADING NORTH AND WEST FROM WHERE THEY FIRST WERE REPORTED, SOUTH OF MEXICO.

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FLOYD, NELSON FLEE IN BATTLE WITH OFFICERS

Outlaws Exchange Withering Fire With Police When Found Working on Iowa Farm

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NEW HAMPTON, Iowa, Oct. 11 (U.S.)—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma desperado, another man believed to be George "Baby Face" Nelson, ace machine gunner of the Dillinger gang, and an unidentified companion outshot and outran a pair of officers near McIntire today and escaped into Minnesota, finally doubling back on their trail toward this city.

The identification of Nelson as a companion of Floyd was made by Sheriff William Owens, while State Agent Art Haight identified Floyd in a conversation with Federal agents and other authorities who massed for the State's widest manhunt along the Minnesota-Iowa borders tonight.

HUNDREDS SWORN IN

Federal agents rushed here from Omaha and St. Paul. Hundreds of sheriff's deputies were sworn in as officials of adjoining border counties gathered for action.

In the gunfight at McIntire, the outlaws repeatedly fired on Art Haight, agent of the Iowa Bureau of Identification, and Sheriff Owens, but none was injured despite the withering exchange of machine gun, revolver and rifle shots.

Nelson has been missing for months and is hunted with a price of $5,000 on his head, while rewards totaling $7,000 have been offered for the capture, dead or alive, of Floyd.

AUTOMOBILE RIDDLED

Haight's automobile bore many holes caused by the outlaw bullets. The windshield was shattered.

Floyd and his two companions had been working on a farm at McIntire for the past several days, Agent Haight said. He prepared to trap them with the aid of several sheriffs and their deputies.

In reconnoitering today, Haight and Deputy Sheriff Owens drove past the farm house to see if Floyd's care was there. They saw the car, and as they continued down the road a distance, Floyd spotted them, and apparently recognized Owen. Turning back, the officers saw Floyd rush into the house and then return to his car and drive away, summoning his companions from their work in the fields by tooting his auto horn. Haight said:

"We gave chase, firing our rifles and revolvers.

USE MACHINE GUN

"Floyd's companions blasted away with a machine gun, perforating our car and the windshield.

"Floyd's car disappeared over the top of a hill and turned into a hollow. As we sped by, the outlaws blazed away with a machine gun from the ground. We took cover and returned the fire."

The outlaws then leaped into their car and drove within 10 feet of the officers, spraying them with machine gun fire, but neither of the officers was hit. They could not return the fire at the short range because of the intensity of the outlaws' blast of bullets.

The desperadoes then drove toward Austin, Minn., and after a few miles fast riding through Minnesota turned back toward this city.

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JEFFERSON CITY, MO.--B. MARVIN CASTEEL, CHIEF OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, SAID AT 2 P. M., TODAY HE BELIEVED PRETTY BOY FLOYD AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS HAD "HIDDEN OUT NORTH OF MOBERLY AND WERE AWAITING THE COVER OF DARKNESS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO SLIP THROUGH POLICE LINES INTO IOWA."

CASTEEL ORDERED ALL TROOPERS IN THAT AREA "TO HOLD YOUR POSITIONS" UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS."

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An Independent Newspaper

Kansas City, Mo., Friday, October 12, [illegible]

FLOYD SLIPS OUT OF TRAP IN MISSOURI

Desperado Is Believed to Have Been One of Cornered Trio.

SEEN IN CORNFIELD

Highway Patrolmen Rush to Scene; Wanted in Massacre.

MEXICO, MO., Oct. 12.—(Special)—State highway patrolmen at 10 o'clock Friday morning were dispatched to a farm five miles south of here on U. S. 54 where, it was reported, three men, one of them believed to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd, were surrounded in a cornfield.

The three men, according to reports received here, were sighted in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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SEEN IN CORNFIELD

Highway Patrolmen Rush to Scene; Wanted in Massacre.

MEXICO, MO., Oct. 22.—(Special)—State highway patrolmen at 10 o'clock Friday morning were dispatched to a farm five miles south of here on U. S. 54 where, it was reported, three men, one of them believed to be "Pretty Boy" Floyd, were surrounded in a cornfield.

The three men, according to reports received here, were sighted in a Ford V-8 car bearing Illinois license plates.

The three suspects escaped after commandeering a Pontiac car driven by G. L. Blanchard of Kansas City, salesman for the Western States Specialty company. Blanchard said one of the men resembled Floyd. Blanchard was forced to push the suspects' car to get it started. Blanchard said the man who looked like Floyd threatened him with a gun. The Kansas Cityan was permitted to keep his car after the suspects had gotten their car started.

From the Journal-Post Jefferson City Bureau.

JEFFERSON CITY, Oct. 22.—Missouri highway patrolmen Friday were on the lookout for a bullet-riddled motor car in which "Pretty Boy" Floyd was believed to be fleeing to his hideout in the Oklahoma badlands.

Floyd and two companions were believed to have been seen at Princeton, Mo., Thursday night. Princeton is a few miles below the Iowa line. They were in a small car speeding southward along U. S. 65 which bisects Iowa and Missouri and leads into Arkansas.

Many Traps Set.

Traps were set for the car along the highway in southern Missouri and northern Arkansas. Highways in Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma were guarded on the chance that the elusive killer, who has evaded the law for several years, would escape the traps. Police had the license number of the car in which he was traveling.

Floyd had been unaware of his [illegible] and they believed he had [illegible] from a wound suffered in a [illegible] in some unknown hideout. [illegible] Deputy Sheriff Williams [illegible] Floyd by sight. [illegible] two companions from a [illegible] They escaped [illegible] Minnesota.

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"Pretty Boy" Floyd Gets Water At Farm For Injured Partner

By United Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 12.—The full strength of central Missouri's combined police forces and the federal government today was thrown into the search for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Driving at full speed with a wounded companion and confounding officers by his amazing backtracking, the phantom bandit and killer was reported seen in several victimless in north-central Missouri.

It was one of the greatest manhunts in Missouri's history. Into every home, office and police station that had a radio went the frequent warning, "Watch out for 'Pretty Boy' Floyd." The warning was broadcast from WOS, the state highway patrol station here.

This afternoon the hunt led to the vicinity of Moberly, the fifth place the elusive fugitives had been sighted. Shortly before noon three desperadoes, one of whom had been identified several times earlier during the morning as Floyd, stopped their automobile, a Ford V-8 sedan with Illinois license plates, at a farm house near Moberly.

The farm wife reported that a man she thought was Floyd came to the house and asked for a towel and water, explaining that "one of my friends hurt his hand and wants to clean it up."

O. L. Blanchard, a salesman from Kansas City, who first met the fugitives this morning five miles south of Mexico, reported that one of the three men who stopped him was wounded.

Highways were patrolled and state operatives laid ambushes along by-roads. Strategic bridges on the Missouri river, on the path to Floyd's usual havens in the Oklahoma hills, were covered with machine guns.

At Lambert field, St. Louis, Maj. Phil Love, friend of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, dispatched an airplane equipped with two-way radio to join the hunt.

Department of justice headquarters at Kansas City were placing a net around the Missouri boundaries. The chief of the Arkansas headquarters for the department of justice ordered constant guard throughout Arkansas and in Oklahoma peace officers concentrated along the highways and known haunts of outlaws in the Osage and the Ozark hills.

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FLOYD SHOOTS WAY OUT OF IOWA TRAP

'Pretty Boy,' Unscathed in Gun Skirmish, Flees Over the Minnesota Line.

WIDE HUNT THEN BEGINS

Federal and State Officers Join to Stop Him—Depot Massacre Case Is Pressed.

By The Associated Press.

CRESCO, Iowa, Oct. 11.—Two Iowa officers flushed Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd from a farmhouse hide-out near the Minnesota border today, but the Southwest's "phantom" bad man and two outlaw companions escaped in a running gun battle and sped away in a bullet-punctured automobile.

A wide dragnet was quickly spread to snare the three, who, armed with a machine gun and automatic rifles, whizzed northward into Minnesota, dodged west and were believed by officers tonight to have headed back into Iowa.

After a hot chase, Deputy Sheriff Will Owens of Howard County, who with A. G. Haight, State agent of Des Moines, came upon the bandits at the Bosteter farm house near McIntire, Iowa, returned to his headquarters here tonight and related a story of the gunfight before again taking up the trail.

Owens had seen Floyd in a house in the Cresco territory where the deputy had gone to serve papers more than a week ago. At first he did not recognize the gunman, but later suspected his presence in the neighborhood.

He reported to the State Bureau of Investigation at Des Moines which dispatched Haight to assist in the man-hunt.

Floyd Recognized in Car.

Owens said that he and Haight, while searching for Lloyd in the vicinity of McIntire this afternoon, observed a car parked beside a cornfield near the Bosteter home. One man, whom Owens later identified as Floyd, was seated in the car behind the wheel.

Owens entered the cornfield, pretending to check pheasant hunting prospects. Two other men came from the field, jumped into the car and it sped away.

Owens returned to his car where Haight was waiting and pursued the bandit automobile. When he overtook the car Owens recognized the driver as Floyd, but the bandits fled before the officers could seize them. The officers gave chase and cornered the outlaws at the end of a blind road.

The outlaw car about faced and both officers and bandits opened fire, but their shots went wild. One of the bandit bullets pierced the frame of the officers' car, narrowly missing Owens's head. The bullet later was identified as having been fired from a .45 calibre machine gun, Owens said.

Wheeling away with the officers, who were soon outdistanced in pursuit, the hunt spread into Southern Minnesota. Owens said the outlaws were later seen driving west, and he believed they headed back into Iowa.

Officers tonight had hope their net might bring in, and to the bloody career of the 30-year-old Oklahoma bandit, sought as a suspect in some thirty bank robberies and a half dozen murders, and yesterday named by the Federal Government as one of the actual killers in the Union Station massacre of five men in Kansas City in 1933.

In the brush with officers, the outlaw car was bullet-punctured and mud-splattered. The car carried an Iowa license, Haight said, and in the car were several raincoats, a suit of brown clothes, three leather suitcases and two tan briefcases.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1934

A RENDEZVOUS OF CRIME

CRESCO, IA., USED AS A HIDEOUT OFTEN, OFFICERS SAY.

Clyde Barrow, "Baby Face" Nelson and Floyd All Are Said to Have Hidden on a Farm in the Vicinity.

Cresco, Ia., Oct. 13.—Developments indicating that this vicinity has been a rendezvous for some of America's major criminals over a period of years were revealed today as federal, state and local authorities pressed an investigation of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd's hideaway.

It has been established that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker fled to a haven here after a 200-mile running fight with officers of two states a year and a half ago.

Meanwhile, as four federal men, peace officers of border-line counties and state agents combed the countryside for clues, the conviction grew that "Baby Face" Nelson, successor to the Dillinger throne, had also been in hiding at this meeting place of public enemies.

Al Bostetter and his wife, from whose farm home Pretty Boy Floyd raced in a blazing machine gun battle with two officers, were "temporarily" released this morning after a day and night of grilling as the investigation continued.

Officers definitely established today that one of Floyd's companions was Lee Bostetter, 26-year-old son of the farmer who is under suspicion of harboring criminals.

When questioned as to whether they knew their farm guest was Floyd, the Bostetters merely replied "we called him Eddie and some people said he was sought in Missouri," officers said.

Floyd has been known to be in this vicinity at intervals for more than a year, returning about two weeks ago for the last time. He was apparently known to several farmers, who called him "Eddie" and gave him employment.

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NEW ORLEANS, LA. "TIMES-PICAYUNE" - 10/13/34.

Taken Alive

THE method employed is of secondary importance in the disposition of the country's major criminals, but New Orleans can find a certain satisfaction in the local handling of R. T. Galatas, charged with complicity in the Kansas City massacre of June, 1933, in which five men were killed. From evidence said to be in their possession, the federal authorities easily might have felt that they were justified in proceeding against Galatas after the same summary fashion in which John Dillinger was shot down in Chicago, Clyde Barrow fell beneath a rain of bullets as he sped along a secluded Louisiana road, and several other notorious gangsters recently have received short shrift when they attempted, or were said to have attempted, escape from prison. There was an adequate stage setting for just such another affair in the New Orleans office building from which Galatas and his wife were arrested so quietly that the fact was not generally known here until the accused were safe in Kansas City.

There seems no ground for criticism of the killing of the nationally known desperadoes who had been declared public enemies, but the law is served better when such executions follow the sentence of a court rather than the orders of a posse. Acting Special Agent Magee of the department of justice, and the operatives who worked with him, deserve credit for what seems to be an important arrest, made with full precautions but without a ghastly climax which might have endangered innocent persons and shocked the community. The capture is also another distinct blow to the waning prestige of the gangsters.

Mr. George Healy,
City Editor,
The Times-Picayune,
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New Orleans, La.

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Desperado Eludes All Traps Set Up by Peace Officers

Three Bandits in Car Are Not Sighted After Stopping at Farm to Get Towel and Soap

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was still a step ahead of the law today. His favorite tactics of doubling in his tracks apparently had enabled him to elude roving highway patrols in central Missouri and he was believed nearer his goal—the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma.

Either Adam Richetti or an unidentified man, companions of the notorious bank robber and killer, were believed wounded. C. P. Blanchard, a salesman, told officers Floyd forced him to push his stalled auto near Mexico, Mo., yesterday, and that one of two men in the rear seat groaned constantly.

Later in the day, Floyd secured towels, soap and water at a farmhouse near Moberly, Mo., to "treat a friend of mine who hurt his hand." He has not been seen since.

Officers believed they had wounded one of the trio in a gun battle near McIntire, Ia., last Thursday when Floyd was sighted for the first time in several months. Later Thuraday he was seen at Leroy, Ia., and again at Princeton, Mo. He drove successfully thru a cordon of state highway patrols and county sheriffs in northern Missouri before he was seen by Blanchard.

Prevailing opinion among officers was that he was seeking constantly to reach Oklahoma and the Cookson hills. The secret of his hideout in the hills never has been discovered.

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OKLAHOMA CITY—W. A. (Shine) Rush, friend of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was held for Federal questioning today. He was arrested late last night near Norman, and accused of terrorizing several counties. He had not been with Floyd recently.

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ACCUSED IN KANSAS CITY MASSACRE — Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Galatas (right) are being held at Kansas City, Mo., charged with conspiring in the slaying of four officers and their convict prisoner, Frank Nash, on the plaza of the Union Station at Kansas City on June 17, 1933. (Associated Press.)

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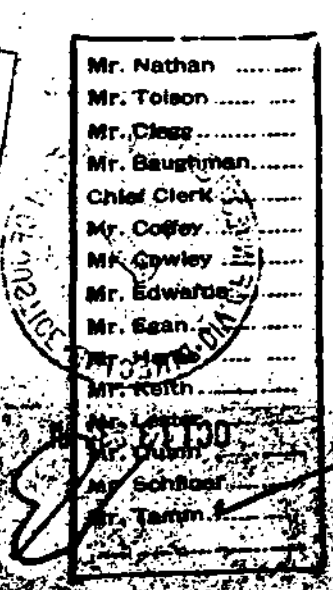

OKLAHOMA CITY--W. A. SHINE RUSH, FRIEND OF PRETTY BOY FLOYD WAS HELD FOR FEDERAL QUESTIONING TODAY.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY, CHIEF AGENT OF THE DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SAID RUSH, ARRESTED LATE LAST NIGHT NEAR NORMAN, HAD BEEN "TERRORIZING SEVERAL COUNTIES AROUND HERE" FOR SOME TIME AND HAD NOT BEEN WITH FLOYD RECENTLY.

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Clothing Salesman Robbed; May Have Been 'Pretty Boy'

By United Press

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — H. A. Witty, a clothing salesman, reported to police today that two masked bandits, heavily armed, held him up near here shortly after midnight and escaped in his Ford V-8 containing $2000 worth of clothing samples.

The fact that Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd was believed heading for his Cookson Hills hideout caused officers to suspect Floyd might have been one of the bandits.

Independence is a little more than an hour's drive from the Cookson Hills.

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LINK GANGLAND KILLING HERE TO GALATAS

Federal agents in Detroit today identified Richard Tallman Galatas, held in connection with the Kansas City massacre of four officers of the law and their prisoner, as a former operator of a small downtown theater here.

The arrest of Galatas, together with the detention of Mrs. Vivian Miller, is expected to throw some light on the slaying of the latter's husband, Verne C. Miller, whose mutilated body was found here last November in a ditch.

A background of the case was described by William Larson, special agent for the Department of Justice here.

CAME HERE IN 1926

"Galatas came from Little Rock, Ark., originally," Larson said. "He was a confidence man and was arrested both in Toledo and Flint. He came to Detroit in 1926 or 27 and operated a small downtown theater here. After he left he never came back, as far as we knew.

"After the massacre in 1933 Galatas was sought here but no trace of him was found. Miller was identified as the leader of the mob that mowed down the agents in the Union Station at Kansas City.

"His murder may possibly have some connection with the massacre and questioning of Galatas now may bring it out.

"Frank Nash, the prisoner killed with the agents, was being taken to Leavenworth penitentiary. He was also from Little Rock and a friend of Galatas."

Galatas was arrested with his wife, Elizabeth, who is also held at Kansas City.

MAY SOLVE KILLING

Inspector John I. Navarre said he intended to keep in close touch with federal agents in charge of the case at Kansas City.

"The questioning of those people there may bring out the true facts of Miller's killing in Detroit," he said.

The killing of Miller was one of the most brutal in the long list of gang deaths in Detroit. His body mangled and lacerated and wrapped in blankets was found in a ditch at Cambridge and Harlow avenues.

Originally from Huron, S. D., Miller was elected sheriff and had a splendid war record. He then went South and at least a dozen charges of murder and robbery were subsequently placed against him.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
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MISSOURI SEARCH FOR FLOYD RELAXED

Outlaw Trio Believed to Have Escaped into Iowa, Official Says

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 13.—(AP)—Colonel B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the Missouri highway patrol, today ordered all troopers engaged in the hunt for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, outlaw, to return to their regular assignments.

For 24 hours 40 highway patrolmen and more than 250 peace officers sought to track down the Southwest desperado who, with two companions, was believed to have been seen Friday morning near Mexico, Mo. He was reported seen at other Missouri and southern Iowa points in the course of the day.

"I have instructed my men to return to their regular posts," Casteel said, "but we are not giving up the search."

The National Guard airplane, which was used in the search for the gunmen Friday was held ready for any developments today.

The long vigil throughout the night, Casteel said, produced practically no clues.

The belief was expressed by Casteel that the men had escaped into Iowa.

A man arrested at Macon and questioned by highway patrolmen resulted in rumors that Floyd might be in that vicinity, but patrol headquarters reported the arrest had no connection with the manhunt.

Friday night a speeding car seen at Emden, Shelby county, was reported to resemble the automobile in which Floyd and his companions were believed to have been riding at Shelbyville, ten miles west. The car arrived a short while later, and through its license plates was identified as one belonging to Monroe county officers engaged in the search.

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GRAND JURY NAMES DRAWN IN MASSACRE

Kansas City, Oct. 13.—(AP)—The government announced today the names of nineteen grand jurors who will be called to investigate for possible further indictments in the Union Station quintuple slaying June 17, 1933. The United States district attorney's office plans to present about 50 witnesses to the grand jury which will report October 22.

Many of the jury list named to investigate the slayings of four officers and Frank Nash, a federal prisoner who was being transported to Leavenworth prison, were members of the federal grand jury which indicted Charles Gargotta, political worker for the late John Lazia, North Side Democratic leader, slain by gangsters. Gargotta was indicted and convicted of possessing and concealing stolen U. S. Army weapons allegedly used in the "spot" murder of Ferris Anthon, referred to by police as an underworld character.

Federal agents have indicated that the jury's investigation of the station slayings may lead to an investigation of the Lazia murder, if information is obtained, which links the station slayings to that of Lazia, a political lieutenant of the Kansas City Democratic organization.

Subpoenas for six North Side men understood to have been close associates of Lazia already have been served. Other witnesses were to be called.

The government recently announced the names of the actual slayers in the station case as Verne Miller, killed by gangsters in Detroit; Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, and his lieutenant, Adam Richetti, alleged Kansas City gangster. A dozen other persons have been indicted for complicity in arranging for the liberation of Nash.

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FLOYD'S HIDEOUT IN IOWA FOUND

OFFICERS SEEK FARM YOUTH AS HIS COMPANION

Three Arrested in Hunt for 'Pretty Boy' Bandit.

CRESCO, IA.—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd has used this region as a hideout for several years, it was revealed Friday by officers who engaged in a gun battle with the desperado northwest of [illegible] Thursday.

As they pushed their investigation into the bandit's escape, the officers revealed they also were searching for [illegible] [illegible]

After eluding his pursuers [illegible] the farm, Howard County [illegible] Will Owens and State Ag[illegible] G. Haight, Floyd and his [illegible] panions fled southward in a [illegible] V-8 bearing stolen Iowa [illegible] 41-[illegible].

[illegible] in Missouri.

Friday the search for the [illegible] outlaw centered in Missouri when he and his confederate were reported seen heading for Kansas City.

Officers went [illegible] Friday to the farm where Floyd was surprised a mile south of [illegible], Ia. There they arrested Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]. They brought them to the [illegible] and held them for investigation.

Friday night officers brought two more suspects [illegible] in connection with the [illegible], but they would not reveal the identity of them.

Floyd's second [illegible] [illegible]

We [illegible] a few [illegible] that the man supposed to be Floyd was well known as [illegible] the farmers up there.

Floyd, however, was not in the region when officers first received their information about him.

"We think that he was here several times during the last [illegible]," Owens said, "but apparently he didn't stay long enough for us to lay a trap for him."

"Always Ready to Go."

Deputy Owens said that officers found it very difficult to obtain information on their suspect.

"We did learn a few of his habits though," he said. "[illegible] never took his suitcase out of the car. He always wanted to be ready to go. The car always would be parked just as close to [illegible] he was as possible.

"If he was staying [illegible] he would park the car beside the bedroom window [illegible] [illegible]

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A call was made to the state bureau of investigation and State Agent A. G. Haight came here Saturday to lay plans for the raid which it was hoped would result in the capture of the long-sought outlaw.

Planned for Friday.

"The raid was to have been Friday morning," Owens said Friday night. "We drove past Thursday afternoon to make sure that Floyd still was there before sending for additional officers. When we saw a man run to the cornfield and summon his two companions, we knew we had been recognized and gave chase."

Owens said Friday night that he believes the three fugitives drove down the blind road, purposely to throw the officers off their trail.

"We are quite sure Bostetter was one of the men and he would have known the roads in the vicinity," Owens said.

Bostetter Arrested.

Bostetter has been arrested several times, according to officers, but never convicted. Another brother, Clifford, is a prisoner in the Stillwater penitentiary of Minnesota, serving his second term, Owens stated.

The Bostetters were said to deny that they knew the man who was at their home was Floyd. Officers said that they had not been questioned at length, however.

Missouri Manhunt Staged for Floyd

KANSAS CITY, MO. (U.P.)—Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd apparently had justified his "phantom killer" pseudonym Friday night and escaped in one of the greatest manhunts in Missouri history.

Federal, state and county officers, heavily armed, guarded bridges and highway junctions with waning hope the notorious outlaw and two companions would be found. Belief grew that the desperadoes had escaped into Iowa by Floyd's often used tactics of doubling on his tracks.

Salesman Halted.

The full force of the state highway patrol, augmented by scores of federal and county officers, remained on duty, however, on the chance that Floyd and his two companions had "holed up" in central Missouri, waiting until dark to make a dash.

After alarms all night through northern Missouri, Floyd was located early Friday near Mexico, in central Missouri, where he forced a salesman, O. F. Blanchard, to push the stalled outlaw auto. The trio next showed up at a farm house near Moberly, where they got water, soap and towels to treat one of their number who "hurt his hand." They then went north.

Groaning Related.

The outlaws were surprised near McIntire, Ia., a few miles from the Minnesota border, late Friday. They drove through Iowa and crossed that state line before 9 p. m., when they were seen at Princeton, Mo., near the Iowa line.

One, perhaps both, of Floyd's companions were thought wounded in the Iowa gunbattle. Blanchard and the farm wife both reported two men reclining on the back seat of Floyd's Ford V-8 sedan and said one of them groaned constantly.

The outlaw car carried Illinois license, 95-202 of this year, Blanchard said.

Sought in Massacre.

Floyd is sought for the Union Station massacre of five men here last year, the murder of a prohibition officer here, the slaying of an Oklahoma sheriff, the killing of an Ohio patrolman and dozens of bank robberies.

Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the state highway patrol, emphasized the need for "straight shooting." Floyd has boasted he would not be taken alive.

Floyd Reported At Estherville

(The Register's Iowa News Service.)

ESTHERVILLE, IA.—After he saw a photograph of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd in The Des Moines Register Friday, Ray Moore, oil station attendant here, told officers he is positive Floyd, another man and two women stopped at his station Thursday night, inquiring the way to St. James, Minn.

A woman in the back seat switched the dome light on, and the man who Moore said was Floyd switched it off as if apprehensive of detection. The report sent Sheriff Fredericksen and State Agent Zelinsky to the Iowa lakes region in search of Floyd.

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Floyd Tracked Into Arkansas

Outlaw Is Wounded in Head, Federal Aids Are Told.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 13 (AP). Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious bandit and killer, and an unidentified companion were believed to be somewhere in Arkansas tonight after making an unexpected appearance at Biscoe, Ark., about 50 miles east of Little Rock.

R. E. Farris, Biscoe filling station operator, told the Little Rock office of the Department of Justice that a man with a wound in his head and resembling Floyd, purchased gasoline at his filling station this afternoon.

Several hours later Little Rock police and Pulaski County sheriff's patrols had not sighted the pair and it was believed they had taken to some little used road.

Missouri State police lost the trail of Floyd and two companions near Mexico, Mo., and the hunt was ordered abandoned.

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FLOYD ESCAPES AGAIN, ELUDING POLICE CORDON

Will o'Wisp Gunman and Two Aides Slip Trap; Huge Man-Hunt Is Subsiding

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 13 (U.P.).—Charles M. "Pretty Boy" Floyd, elusive killer of the Southwest, wanted for numerous murders, including the machine gunning of four officers and their prisoner in Kansas City, has made good another escape.

Believed bottled up in north central Missouri yesterday, when State, county and city officers ringed the area and blocked highways and bridges, a trio believed to be Floyd and two bandit accomplices disappeared. Today the hunt subsided.

Marvin Casteel, superintendent of the State highway patrol, and other officers, were certain the man they sought was Floyd, the hard-driving, cold-blooded killer who has been in hiding a year and a half.

The reappearance of Floyd came a few hours after Government officers announced they had positively established that he and his chief aide, Adam Richetti, were two of the three machine gunners who staged the Union Station massacre in Kansas City June 17, 1933.

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Townley Culbertson, Foreman.

The jurors:

Townley Culbertson, foreman, [illegible] West Fifty-eighth street, member of the board of directors of the Commerce Trust Company.

Ward C. Gifford, 424 West Sixty-first street terrace, real estate.

Guy Adkins, Napton, Mo., farmer.

H. E. Allen, Richmond, Mo., insurance.

Frank A. Fowler, 7236 Virginia avenue, building contractor.

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

Guy W. Hawkins, 1629 West Fiftieth street, office manager.

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

C. E. Kensey, Raytown, Mo., insurance.

Sam C. Sherwood, Excelsior Springs, Mo., insurance.

Eli P. Wheat, 414 Gladstone boulevard, cashier Commerce Trust Company.

R. G. Bliss, 4535 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.

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

[illegible], 100 West Sixty-sixth street terrace, treasurer C. S. Demaree Stationery Company.

[illegible] W. Snyder, 4041 Harrison street, insurance.

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

F. L. Alexander, 3817 Scarritt avenue, assistant cashier Traders Gate City National Bank.

Many of the list were members of the federal grand jury which indicted Charles Gargotta, gangster political lieutenant of the late John Lazia, and L. L. Claiborne, city detective.

An Echo of Anthon Killing.

Gargotta was indicted and convicted of possessing and concealing stolen U. S. army pistols used by the gang that murdered Ferris Anthon, also an underworld character. Claiborne was indicted and convicted of perjury in connection with testimony to the jury regarding the weapons in the Gargotta case.

Townley Culbertson was foreman of the grand jury which conducted the Gargotta-Claiborne and other investigations. The jury list includes, as did the list of the previous jury, several bankers, real estate men and insurance men, [illegible] with financial and business [illegible] that [illegible] in consideration of embezzlement and similar cases.

It is considered possible the jury's [illegible] with the station killings may lead to a probe of the Lazia murder, if [illegible] indicating there is an [illegible] connection in the [illegible] are [illegible].

[illegible] United States district attorney, and Randall Wilson, [illegible]

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, [illegible]

CALL TO U. S. JURY

Investigating Body Will Take Up Union Station Massacre Probe October 22.

NINETEEN MEN NAMED

Townley Culbertson Will Be the Foreman of Group Serving Before Judge Otis.

INTO LAZIA MURDER, TOO

Long Trail of Crime Will Be Followed in Search for More Indictments.

Names of nineteen federal grand jurors who will be asked to investigate for possible further indictments in the union station massacre case were announced today.

The men will report at 9 o'clock October 22 to Judge Merrill E. Otis for instructions on consideration of some seventy-four cases, of which the union station murders are the most important.

Townley Culbertson, Foreman.

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

GUY ASNEY, Napton, Mo., farmer.

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KENNETH W. SNYDER, [illegible] Harrison street, insurance.

[illegible] W. STARK, [illegible] Morningside drive, real estate.

[illegible] ALEXANDER, [illegible] Sherritt [illegible], assistant cashier Traders [illegible] City National Bank.

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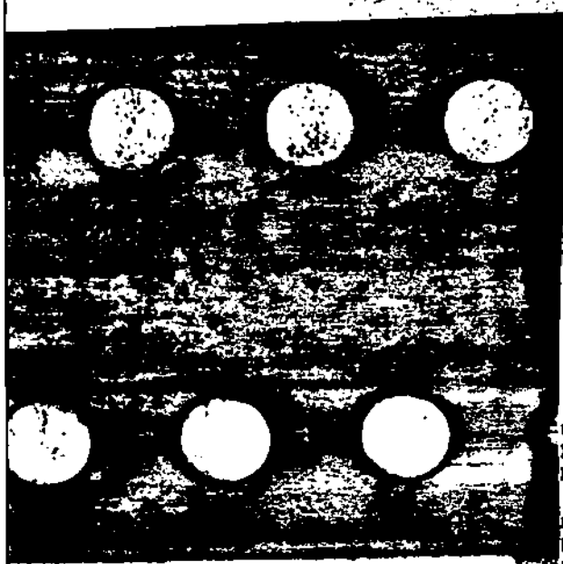

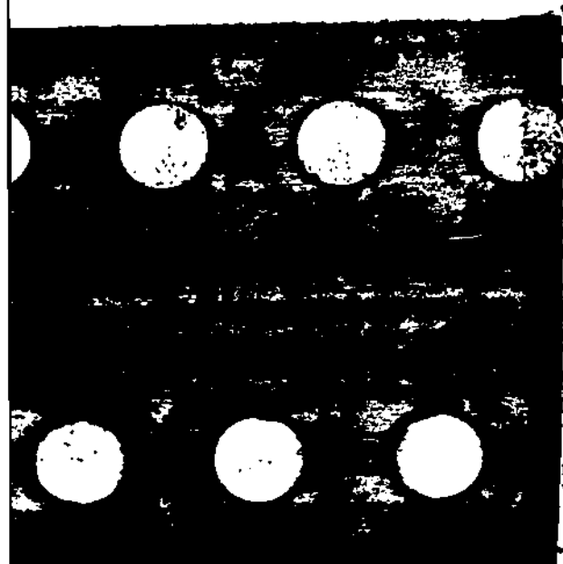

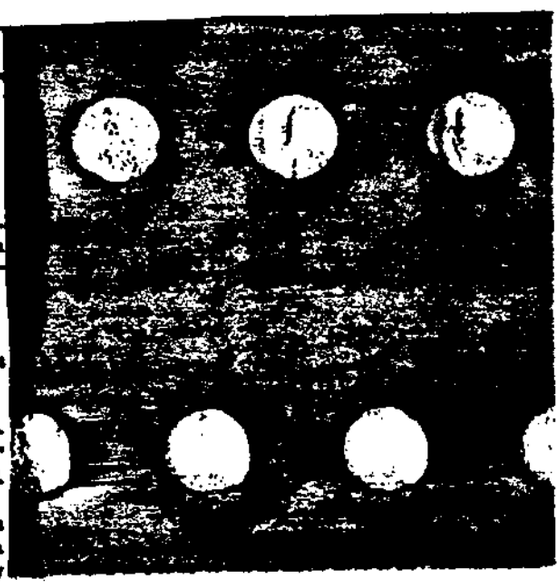

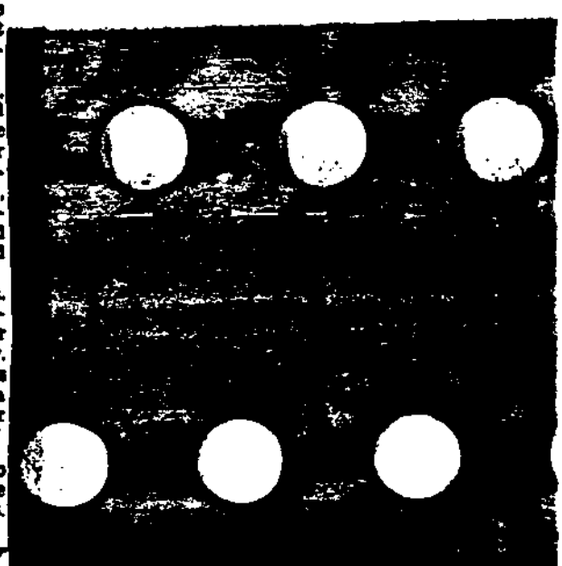

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tendered in payment later was identified as part of that stolen from the Whitesboro, Tex., bank in a robbery a few days before.

HELD AFTER FALSE STORY.

Officers on Floyd Hunt Arrest Salesman at Brookfield.

(By The Star's Own Service.)

BROOKFIELD, Mo., Oct. 13.—A dramatic chapter in the "Pretty Boy" Floyd man hunt was enacted on U. S. highway No. 36 early today.

Coming out of the north at a high rate of speed in Macon County was a black sedan with two men. They were stopped by highway patrolmen and searched. The driver answered the description of Floyd, but there were no weapons, and the back seat was loaded with suitcases and clothing.

The driver said he was a salesman, and with his companion was allowed to proceed. A check-up by telephone was made, and it was found the driver had given wrong information regarding the serial numbers of the engine, and the license had been issued to another person. Brookfield was notified on the telephone, and officers stopped the car as it drove into town.

The men were returned to Macon. The driver said he came from Cleveland and his name was John Carter of 1316 Harrison street, Kansas City. The boy accompanying Carter was about 16 years old, and said he was a hitch-hiker from New York. Carter was held at Macon.

The Kansas City police have no record of a John Carter and said he was not known at 1316 Harrison street.

HEROISM BY WIFE

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Wednesday on the bed on the second floor of the Hall home, a lengthy and carefully typed document covering several pages, was filled with abuse of the Hall family. It threatened harm to other members of the family besides Allen Hood Hall, whom the [illegible]

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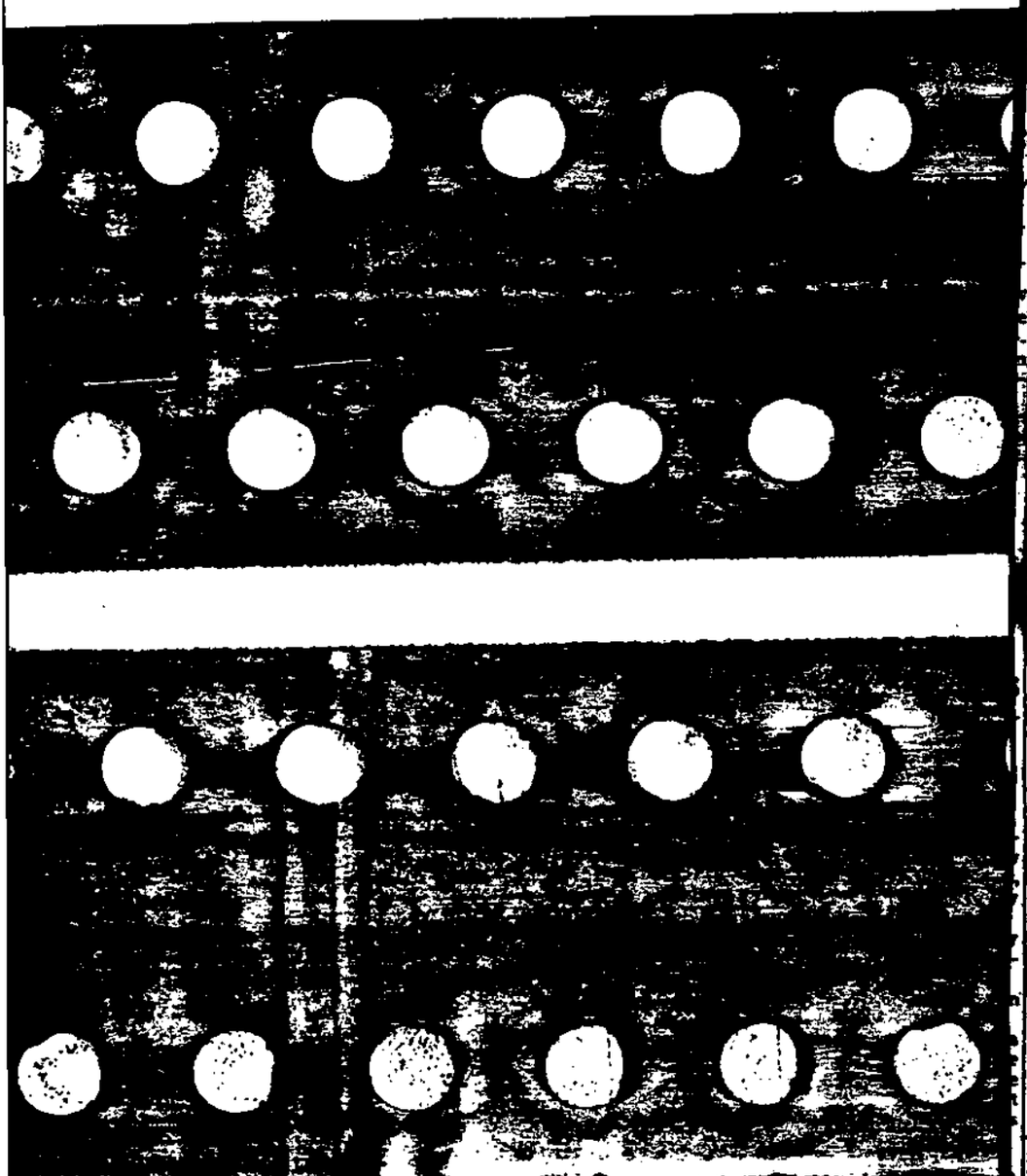

U. S. QUIZ MAY EXTEN

NEW SCHEDULE OF RETAIL COAL COSTS IS NEAR

K. C. Consumer Price Ma[illegible] Be Cut by as Much as $1 Per Ton.

NO NRA VERIFICATIO[illegible]

Announcement Probably Will Not Be Made Before Monday.

By WILLIAM P. [illegible]
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WASHINGTON, Oct. [illegible]—A pro[illegible] posed new scale of figures covering retail coal dealers' distribution cost[illegible] in Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis was nearing action Saturday by NRA officials.

At the office of Frank A. Hoch[illegible] deputy NRA administrator in charge of the retail solid fuel code, it was said that the new findings probably would be made public within the next seventy-two hours. They had not been finally approved Saturday morning, but there was a "slight chance" that the final ruling would be made later in the day, it was said.

The schedules will be announced through the regular publicity channels of NRA. As these close their offices at 1 o'clock Saturday, it was regarded as unlikely that the announcement would be made before Monday at the earliest.

Separate schedules would be made public for each of the three cities, it was said, but there was a chance that Kansas City might not be included in the first announcement as chief NRA attention has been focused on the St. Louis situation.

The impression prevailed that the forthcoming schedule would result in lower prices in Kansas City [illegible] possibly as much as [illegible] retail, but officials declined to [illegible] ment [illegible] in advance of making the schedule public.

NEW LAMSON TRIAL

Stanford Press Executive Convicted of Murder.

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—The California supreme court Saturday granted David Lamson, youthful Stanford university press executive, a new trial on conviction of murdering his wife, Alfena.

The decision of the court [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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GRAND JUROR LIKELY TO EY OTHER CRIME

Many New Disclosures P sible When Group Meets October 22

TO HEAR LAZIA

Kansas Cityans Never Mentioned Expected Be Drawn In

A sweeping [illegible] which threatens [illegible] yond the Union [illegible] secre and the [illegible] of John Lazia, [illegible] Kansas City, is to be [illegible] the government [illegible] grand jury [illegible] Kansas City October [illegible]

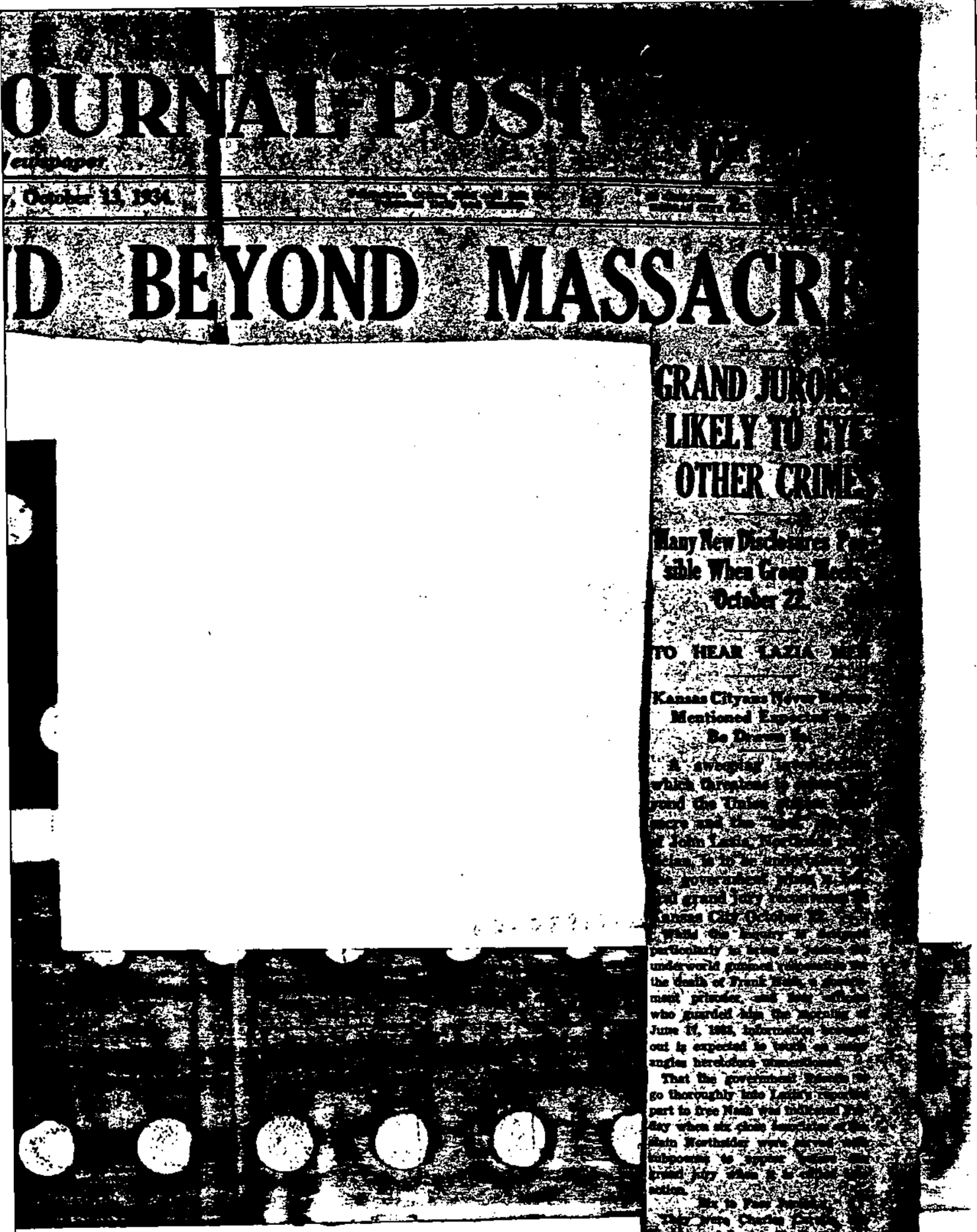
While the inquiry [illegible] particularly in [illegible] underworld gunmen [illegible] the death of Frank Nash, a [illegible] ment prisoner, and [illegible] who guarded him the morning of June 17, 1933, information [illegible] out is expected to touch on [illegible] angles heretofore unmentioned.

That the government [illegible] go thoroughly into Lazia's [illegible] part to free Nash was indicated [illegible] day when six close [illegible] slain Northsider were served [illegible] subpoenas to appear [illegible] grand jury when it is called [illegible] action.

Six to Pass [illegible]

They were Charles [illegible] of Lazia's [illegible] ganization; Dominick [illegible] ator of a Twelfth street [illegible] house; Charles Gargotta, [illegible] tence for possession of [illegible] ernment weapons [illegible] killing of Ferris Arthur [illegible] coco and Tony Gizzo, [illegible] bers of the North Side [illegible] club, which [illegible] Steve Oliver.

Government agents [illegible] moving swiftly [illegible] greatest secrecy [illegible] tion of the [illegible] [illegible] since [illegible] City [illegible]



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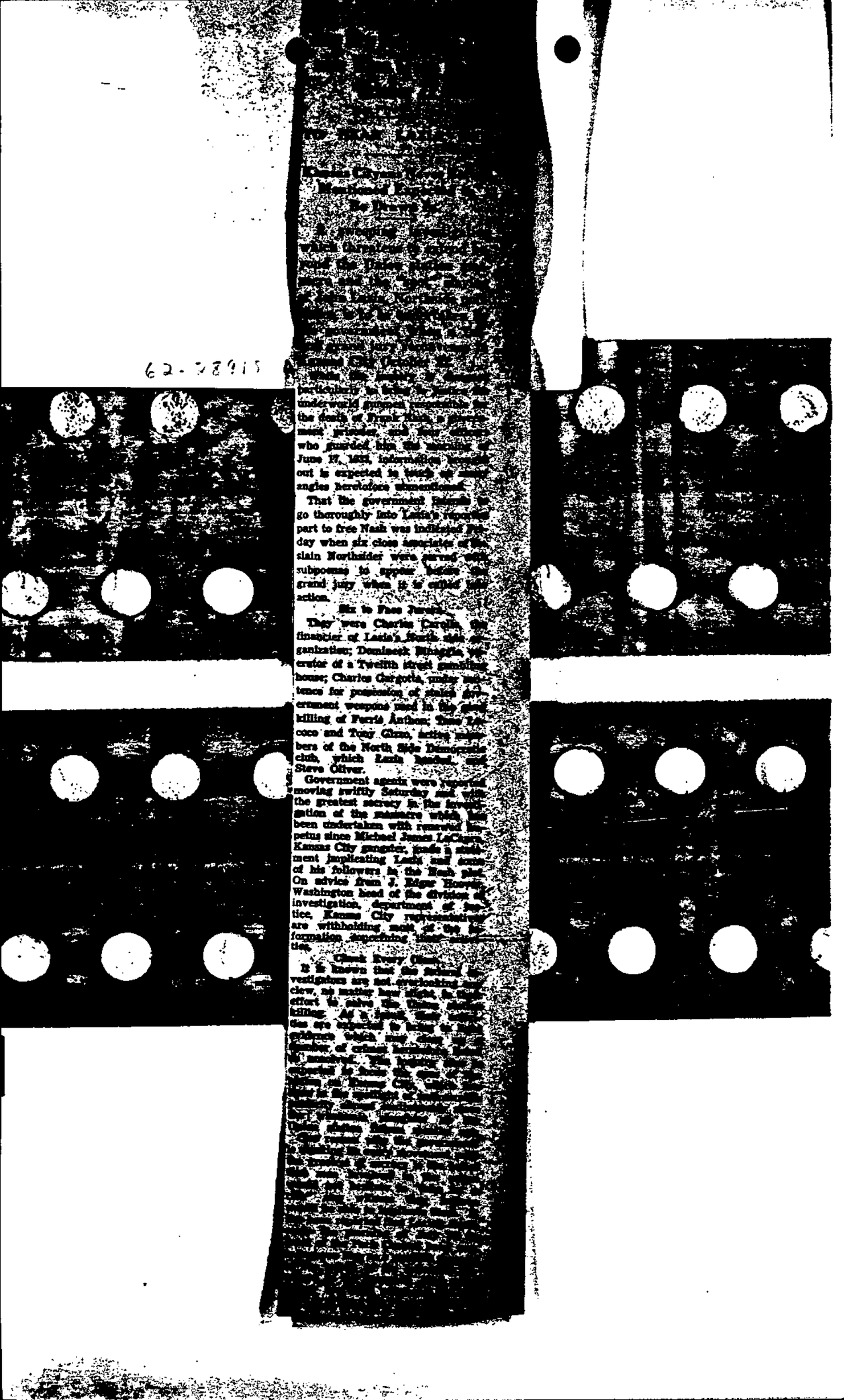

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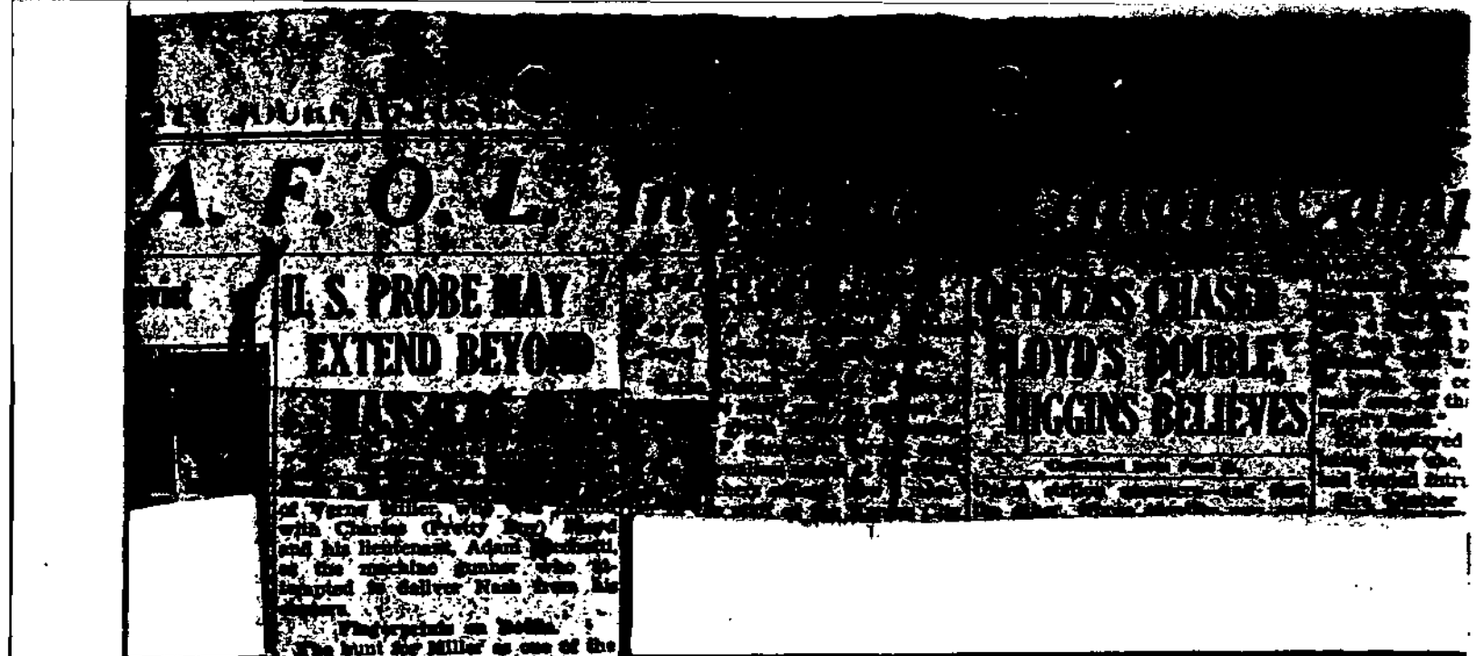
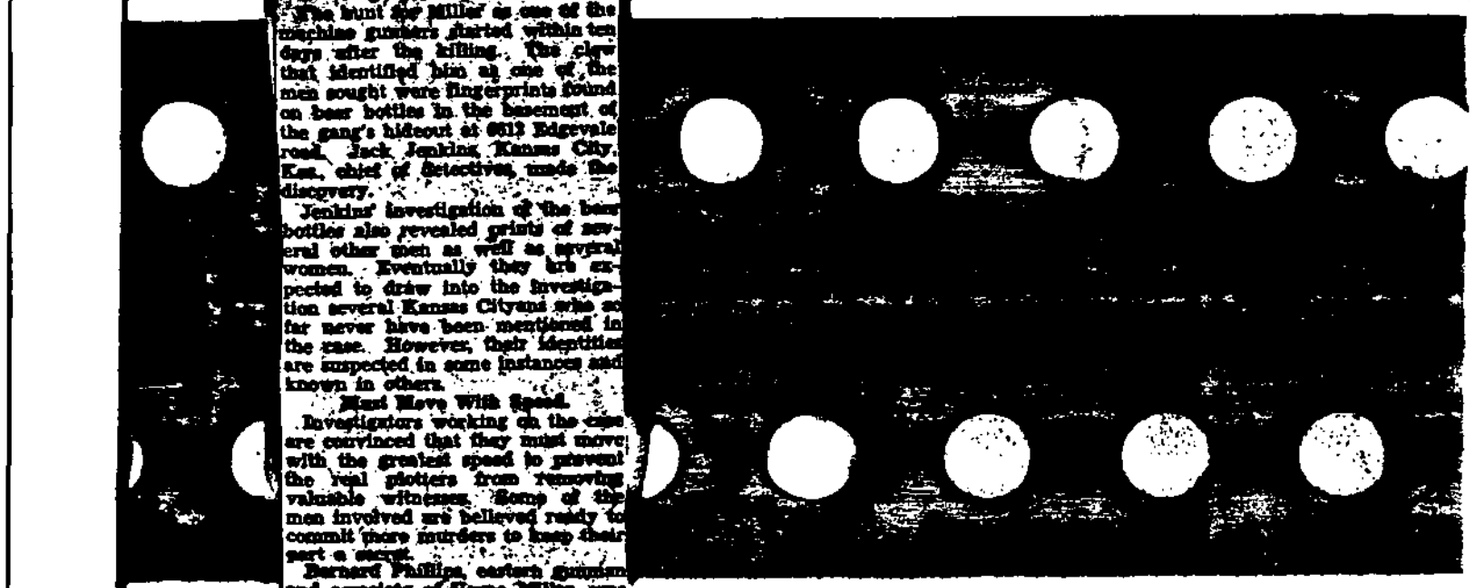
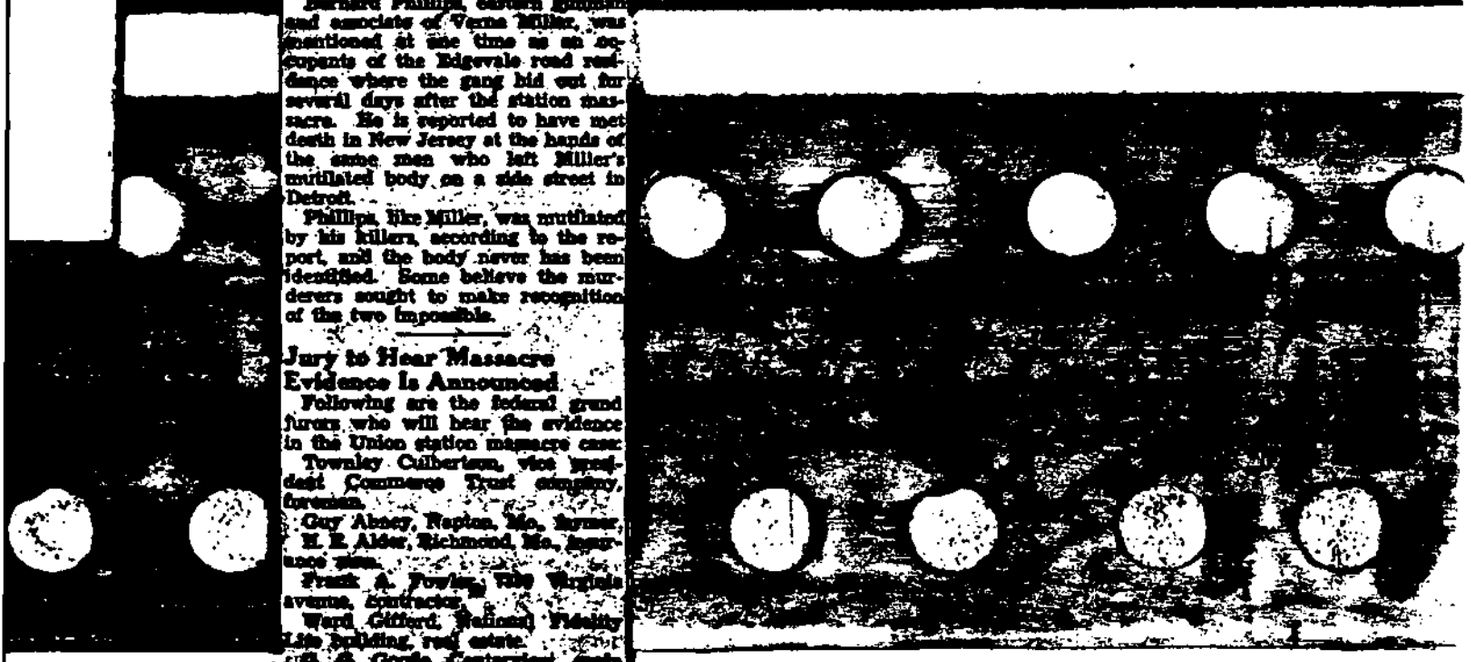
FLOYD'S DOUBLE HIGGINS BELIEVES







[Verne] Miller, [wa]nted with Charles Gri[ffi]n and his lieutenant, Adam [Riche]tti, as the machine gunner who [a]ttempted to deliver Nash from his captors.

Fingerprints on Bottle.

The hunt for Miller as one of the machine gunners started within ten days after the killing. The clew that identified him as one of the men sought were fingerprints found on beer bottles in the basement of the gang's hideout at 6812 Edgevale road. Jack Jenkins, Kansas City, Kas., chief of detectives, made the discovery.

Jenkins' investigation of the beer bottles also revealed prints of several other men as well as several women. Eventually they are expected to draw into the investigation several Kansas Cityans who so far never have been mentioned in the case. However, their identities are suspected in some instances and known in others.

Must Move With Speed.

Investigators working on the case are convinced that they must move with the greatest speed to prevent the real plotters from removing valuable witnesses. Some of the men involved are believed ready to commit more murders to keep their part a secret.

Bernard Phillips, eastern gunman and associate of Verne Miller, was mentioned at one time as an occupants of the Edgevale road residence where the gang hid out for several days after the station massacre. He is reported to have met death in New Jersey at the hands of the same men who left Miller's mutilated body on a side street in Detroit.

Phillips, like Miller, was mutilated by his killers, according to the report, and the body never has been identified. Some believe the murderers sought to make recognition of the two impossible.

Jury to Hear Massacre Evidence Is Announced

Following are the federal grand jurors who will hear the evidence in the Union station massacre case:

Townley Culbertson, vice president Commerce Trust company, foreman.

Guy Abney, Napton, Mo., farmer.

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

Frank A. Fowler, 916 Virginia avenue, contractor.

Ward Gifford, National Fidelity Life building, real estate.

H. G. Goode, Centerview, Mo., banker.

Guy W. Hayden, 4520 West Thirtieth street, manager Queen Laundry & Dye.

E. L. Kemp, Raytown, farmer.

Theodore Schmidt, jr., Kansas City, bank clerk.

John C. Sherwood, Republican building, insurance man.

Eli P. Wyatt, 414 Gladstone boulevard, cashier Commerce Trust company.

H. G. Ellis, 4825 Rockhill avenue, real estate man.

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PLANES HUNT FLOYD'S GANG

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Airplanes, automobiles and motorcycles were being used today in a sweeping search through several counties for Arthur ("Pretty Boy") Floyd, Oklahome gangster; George ("Baby Face") Nelson, leader of the remnants of the Dillinger gang, and another gangster not yet identified.

Speeding westward after their dramatic escape from a trap Thursday in Iowa, the desperadoes have since been reported in various parts of Missouri.

While some reports proved to be false, police are convinced the fugitives came this way and are trying to reach their mountain hideout.

O. I. Blanchard, a salesman who used to be a detective, reported he had been stopped by three armed men south of Mexico. He said:

"One of them was Floyd. I can't tell about the other two, excepting that one was wounded."

FLOYD PAL SEIZED.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 12.—(AP)—"Shine" Rush, a one-time companion of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, was arrested tonight by federal agents at a farm near Norman.

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HUNT FOR FLOYD WITH PLANE IN MISSOURI AREA

"Pretty Boy" Reported Seen Twice.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 12.—[Special.] — A National Guard airplane aided state, county, and city officers today in a widespread manhunt for Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, the scourge of the southwest, after he had been reported sighted at two points in the central part of the state.

Authorities in Minnesota and Iowa also kept a close watch for the outlaw and his two companions, who engaged officers in a gun battle in northern Iowa yesterday afternoon. Flushed at a farm house hideout near the Minnesota border the fugitives sped away, laid an ineffective death trap for their pursuers and finally shot their way through a posse and escaped.

This morning the notorious bank robber and killer, who has been named as one of the three machine gunners who shot down four officers and a convict at the Kansas City Union station in June, 1933, was reported seen south of the town of Mexico.

Halted by Armed Trio.

O. L. Blanchard, a Kansas City salesman and former detective, said he was confronted with revolvers when he stopped to offer aid to three men who stood around an apparently stalled automobile five miles south of Mexico. He said he was certain one of the men was Floyd.

Blanchard told Mexico police that he convinced the men his automobile would not be speedy enough for their use whereupon they ordered him to "head down the road."

County officers, highway patrolmen and police in the territory immediately started a search but they lost the trail 13 miles south of Mexico at an intersection of highways.

At noon, however, a new trail developed when officers received a report that three men had stopped at the farm home of Mrs. Ed Ginther, near Moberly, and asked for a towel and soap. The men explained that one of their companions had a wounded finger which he had "cut on a car door."

Farmwife Provides Clew.

The farmwife said all three of the men appeared extremely nervous. Obtaining the towel and soap they hurriedly reëntered their automobile and sped north toward Cairo.

All main highway bridges and intersections were ordered blocked. The airplane was ordered to Columbia from St. Louis by Adjt. Gen. Harold V. Brown. "It is expected to be of valuable use if the fugitives follow the suppositions of authorities and head toward the Missouri badlands.

In Austin, Minn., Sheriff Ira Syck of Mower county announced the discovery of what he believed to be a farm hideout Floyd had used in northern Iowa.

Guns Found on Farm.

Working with Iowa authorities, the sheriff said he recently searched the Bosteter farm near the Minnesota line and found many indications that the Oklahoma outlaw had been there. In addition to a quantity of stolen loot the raiders found a sawed off shotgun, a rifle, a revolver, and a shoulder holster.

They also found a photograph of Floyd in the suitcase that contained the loot. The suitcase has been left on the farm by a woman who was later identified as Floyd's sister-in-law, the sheriff said.

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PAL OF DILLINGER REPORTED WITH OUTLAW FLOYD

Press Intensive Search in Central Missouri.

(Picture on back page.)

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 12.—(AP)—An intensive search went forward throughout central Missouri tonight for Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, Oklahoma's killer outlaw, and two companions.

Lights burned late in farmhouses. Rural telephones hummed as farmers checked reports with neighbors under instructions of the state highway patrol.

A report that Floyd's companion might be Alvin Karpis, a John Dillinger gangster and accused kidnaper, caused intensification of the search by state, county, and municipal officers, all armed heavily for a finish fight.

Stopped by Trio.

O. L. Blanchard, a former Kansas City detective, identified a picture of Floyd as one of three men he encountered near Mexico, Mo., today. He asserted one of the other two bore a striking resemblance to Karpis. The third man, officers theorized, might be Adam Richetti, Floyd's confederate since George Birdwell was killed in an Oklahoma bank holdup.

Blanchard said he stopped to assist three men whose motor car was stalled.

"As soon as I stopped I recognized Floyd and knew I had pulled a bonehead," Blanchard said. "Floyd treated me roughly and insisted that I give them my car. I told them I had just had it overhauled recently and that it would not go more than thirty miles an hour. I was quite scared and didn't know how I was going to get out of it until one of Floyd's companions said, 'Maybe you can help start us by pushing us with your car.' . . . I got them started and drove to Mexico, where I reported the incident to the sheriff."

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Three Jailed in Iowa.

McIntire, Ia., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. L. Bostetter and daughter, Alice, tonight were in the Howard County jail at Cresco where they will be charged with harboring criminals, officers said today.

It was on the Bostetter farm one mile and a half south of here that Charles [Pretty Boy] Floyd, the southwest's hunted outlaw, was discovered yesterday.

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PRESS SEARCH FOR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD.
Charles Arthur Floyd, desperado who is being widely hunted in the middle west after being seen at several places, with a woman believed to be Beulah Ash of Kansas City.
[Acme Photo.]
(Story on page 7.)

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GANG GUNS IN RACK

"Uncle Sam May Get You If You Carry Them," the Underworld Believes.

NOT A TIME FOR ALIBIS

Even a Word of Aid in Station Massacre May Mean Prison or Gallows.

MORE EVIDENCE IS TO COME

The Government Has Not Disclosed Near All It Has for Grand Jury.

The roaring guns of the underworld are in their racks while the owners wait for the federal grand jury to speak the names of those who are sought in the union station massacre.

Nothing in recent years has chilled gangland as the fear of being charged with taking part in the conspiracy to take Frank Nash away from federal agents when the agents were returning the gangster to [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], including the gangster Nash.

One Dead, Two Dodging.

The government has named [illegible] C. Miller. He is dead. It has named Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd and Adam Richetti. They are alive and dodging posses of federal agents in Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma and Arkansas. These three were [illegible] by the government agents as the men who handled the machine guns and pistols in heartless murder of agents of the law to save a "pal" from serving a hitch.

But the hand of the law, it is said, will cut as wide a swath in the ranks of the underworld in punishment for that crime, as the lead of the machine guns in the hands of [illegible], Floyd and Richetti. It will [illegible] who had only an indifferent [illegible] in the liberation of Nash, or who contributed only slightly to [illegible] that aided the gang that under[illegible] the job.

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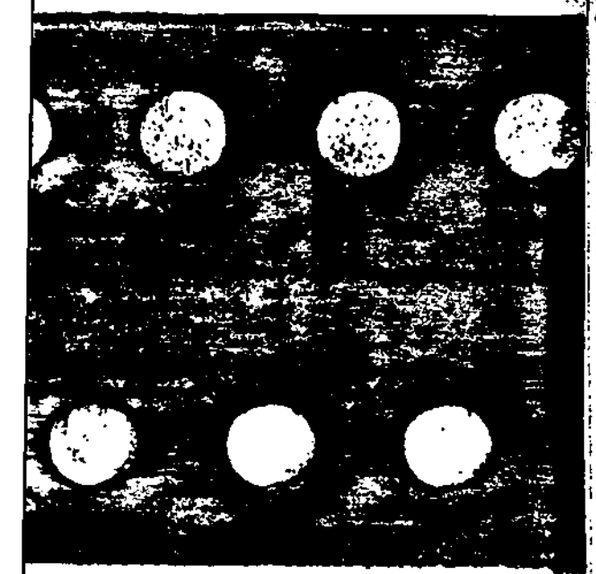

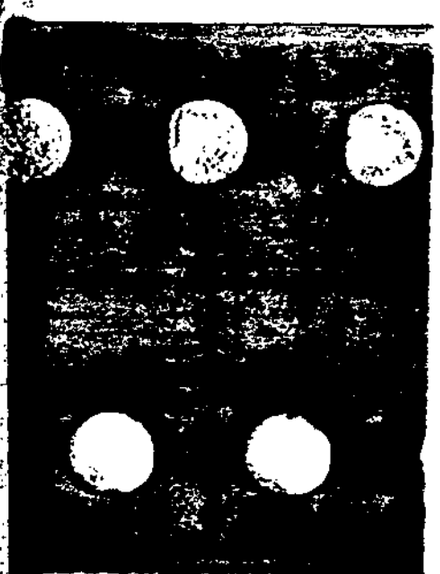

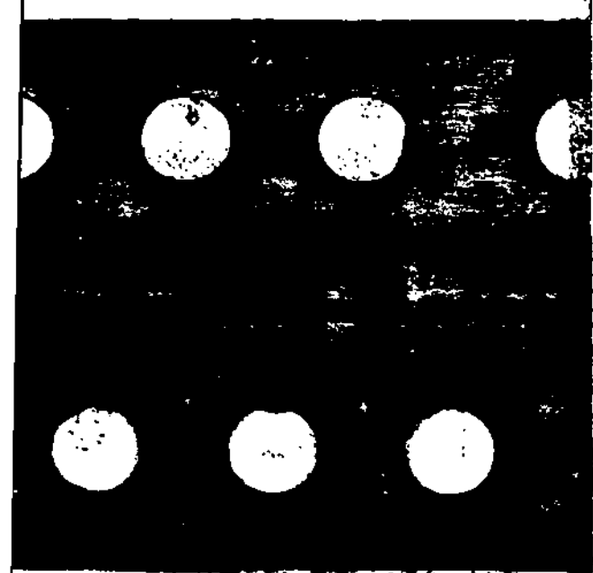

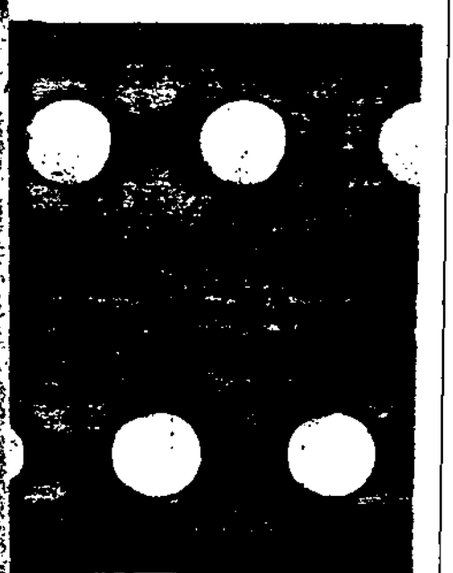

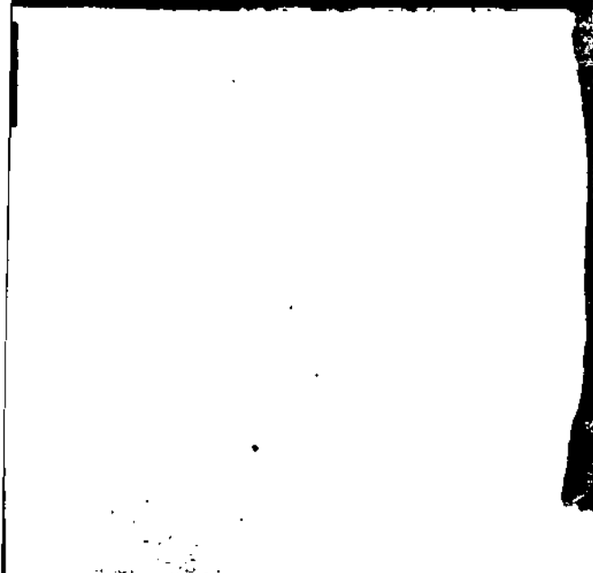

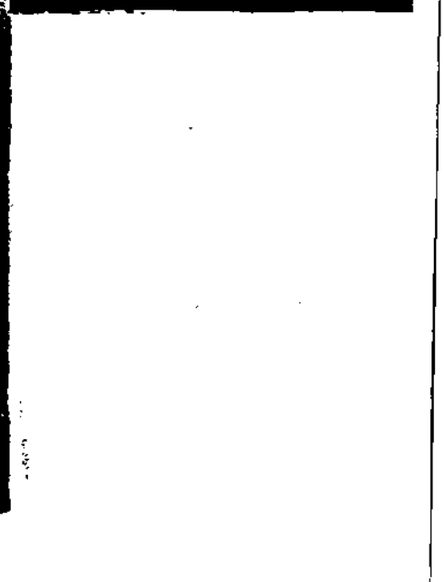

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[illegible] of election day slayings. Two Kansas City policemen and a federal agent were killed in this clash of gangsters with the law.

Murder can be fixed on more than the man who pulled the trigger. There may be accessories before and after the fact. A hair line so fine that the law does not recognize it divides the share of guilt of those who took any intentional part in the crime.

The government cannot prosecute the Nash liberators for murder. The federal grand jury will not be asked to indict anyone for that crime. The United States government is seeking the men and women who plotted the delivery of Nash. Whether a word or an act took place before the machine gunners opened fire, or after, the man or woman who spoke or acted may be indicted as a member of the conspiracy.

Testimony to be given before the federal grand jury when it is convened October 22 will determine all who took part in the attempted delivery, and they will be indicted for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Facts Available to County.

There the scene of justice shifts to the state courts. The same witnesses who will tell their stories to the federal grand jury may give the same facts to a Jackson County grand jury to indict for murder, and in indicting the principals for murder the county grand jury also would have in its hands facts upon which to indict others as accessory before and after the fact.

The gangsters are not carrying their pistols and revolvers now. It is a precaution against complications. Many of the current pistols in the underworld can be identified as United States army property. None of the gangsters desires to be caught with an army automatic, for the conviction of Charles Gargotta in federal court on a charge of possession of stolen government property is too fresh in their minds.

There is a further reason why the guns are being left in the racks for awhile. Pistols and revolvers found on men taken into custody for questioning by federal agents are being tested by the agents. The firearms are being discharged against a soft background and the lead and steel bullets are being examined by ballistics experts in Washington.

A Far-Reaching Effect.

The markings will be compared with markings on bullets recovered in kidnapings and murders in other parts of the United States. Gangsters [illegible]

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[illegible] as a check of inconsistencies that might crop out in the stories of the same witnesses summoned by that body.

The finger prints of five men and three women are understood to have been found on objects in the home occupied by Verne C. Miller at 6012 Edgevale road.

A gangster wouldn't think of wearing gloves while drinking his bottled beer. That's where a detective disinterested in gang welfare found some telltale finger marks. Some also were found on wine bottles. The finger prints of two men were found on the enamel of a telephone instrument. All this evidence was found in the home occupied by Miller. Only two of the men whose marks were found have been named so far by the government agents.

Three men stand to be accused sooner or later as habitues of Miller's place, and perhaps linked in the crime that may lead to the gallows.

AN INCOME TAX PROBE, TOO.

Federal Agents Dig Into Gangland's Financial Affairs Here.

While federal agents are delving deeper and deeper into the union station massacre June 17, 1933, in preparation of that important case before the federal grand jury October 22, other special agents are reported digging into the financial affairs of certain Kansas Citizens for probable prosecution under income tax statutes.

It has been learned that special agents of the intelligence unit of the internal revenue department have been investigating several Twelfth street gamblers and gangsters for several months. The agents, it is understood, are interested in the financial affairs of one man prominent around Twelfth street and Baltimore avenue. The man is not a professional gambler, but is associated with widely known North Side gangsters and was a close friend of the late John Lazia.

Several Have Paid Up.

How far the federal investigation has gone was not determined. Several of those under income tax investigation already have filed federal income tax returns and have paid a tax.

However, it is understood the special agents are interested because, they believe, those who have filed federal tax returns did not include a true statement of their incomes. It is as much of a violation to falsify statements in a tax return as it is not to file a return or to attempt to evade the payment of income taxes.

The course being taken by the special agents against those now under investigation is said to be along the same line as in the investigation of the income tax case against Lazia and others. It is said in one case the agents already have looked into the bank accounts of the persons including deposit slips, withdrawal slips and cancelled cashiers' checks. Photostatic copies of the records have been made, it is said.

Busy on the Evidence.

While this investigation is under way, other agents assigned to the union station massacre are making [illegible] in rounding up the [illegible] and arranging the volumes of evidence that will go before the [illegible] jury October 22.

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Easy on the Evidence.

While this investigation is under way, other agents assigned to the union station massacre are making rapid progress in rounding up the witnesses and untangling the volumes of evidence that will go before the grand jury October 22.

Utmost secrecy is maintained by the agents as they work. No information concerning the investigation is revealed for fear that any disclosure of evidence will hinder the case before the grand jury and also when the massacre case goes to trial.

Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, and Randall Wilson, his first assistant, said yesterday that thirty-five or forty additional subpoenas would be issued tomorrow and Tuesday for witnesses before the grand jury. In addition to the six subpoenas issued late Friday for Charles Carolla, Tony Gizzo, Charles Gargotta, Tano Lococo, Steve Oliver and Dominick Binaggio for appearance before the investigating body, others might be issued this week for other North Side men in the late Lazia Democratic organization. Other subpoenas, it is understood, will call government agents and business men before the jury.

Witnesses Not Revealed.

Mr. Milligan declined to disclose the identity of the witnesses until the subpoenaes have been issued and, in several instances, have been served on the witnesses.

When the grand jury reconvenes at 9 o'clock the morning of October 22, the jurors will be given instructions by Judge Merrill E. Otis and then will go to the grand jury room on the top floor of the federal building to begin the long investigation of the union station slaughter of four officers and Frank Nash, escaped federal convict.

It also is understood that the probe into the station massacre might lead to an investigation of the murder of Lazia in front of the Park Central apartment hotel, 300 East Armour boulevard. The grand jury's entry into the Lazia case depends upon certain testimony before the grand jury. If it can be determined there was an underworld connection with the two murders the grand jury will enter the Lazia case.

Eleven Under Indictment.

Eleven persons now are under indictment in the union station massacre. ... the new indictment to ... by the grand jury, it is understood ... [illegible] ... Mrs. Vivian Mathias, alias Mrs. Vivian ... alias Mrs. Verne C. Miller, said to be the wife of one of the machine gunners who slaughtered the four officers and Nash. The other ... gunmen were Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti ... sought in a nation-wide man hunt.

STEAMERS COLLIDE IN BAY.

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R. T. Galatas Reported to Have Supplied New Leads in Probe.

IS FLOYD ON SPOT?

Rumor Heard After [illegible] That Widely Known [illegible] Man May Be Involved

By WILLIAM [illegible]

Of the Journal-Post Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Oct. [illegible]—The government will attempt to indict "a man higher up" in the Kansas City Union station plaza massacre of June 17, 1933.

Such was the gist of [illegible]ingly well-sustained reports in circulation here Saturday. Tight-lipped officials of the department of justice refused to comment on them.

They said that the forthcoming United States grand jury inquiry at Kansas City, set for October [illegible], was wholly in the hands of [illegible] Milligan, United States attorney there. Milligan, they said, had all the evidence and would determine the course of the inquiry.

The evidence was said to include sensational leads furnished [illegible] agents by Richard T. Galatas, [illegible] rested with his wife, Elizabeth, in New Orleans September [illegible]. [illegible] nearly three weeks, federal [illegible] held Galatas and his wife [illegible] municado before his arrest was announced last Wednesday.

Definite Lead [illegible]

It was reported here—[illegible] verified—that Galatas [illegible] "[illegible]" to the federal agents [illegible] that his testimony definitely [illegible] linked John Lazia with [illegible] to [illegible] Nash. [illegible]

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Definite Lucia Link

It was reported here—but not verified—that Galatas had "come clean" to the federal agents and that his testimony definitely had linked John Lucia with abortive attempt to foul Nash. Officials refused to answer a question as to whether Galatas would turn state's evidence. They declined to comment on reports that he would tell the whole story of the massacre to the federal grand jury in an effort to obtain leniency for himself and his wife.

Meantime, as the capital buzzed with reports that the forthcoming grand jury inquiry would disclose unsuspected conditions in Kansas City, federal agents redoubled their efforts to take "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Richetti alive. They were spurred to faster action by tips that Kansas City gang leaders also were searching for Floyd and Richetti with the intention of "robbing them out."

The two desperadoes thus sought in the double man hunt by gangland and officers of the law were said to be the only survivors of the massacre who could tell first hand of the preliminary plans to free Nash. Galatas' story of the plans necessarily would be second hand; Floyd and Richetti, it was admitted, would be far more impressive witnesses before a grand jury, and the federal agents had hopes of making them testify if they could get them prior to the inquiry.

Gang Raced Law

Kansas City gangsters were reported to be just as determined that neither Floyd nor Richetti would tell their story—assuming that they could be made willing to do so—and war said here to have reached the decision to put them both "on the spot" because "they know too much."

The race therefore was on to [illegible] with federal agents [illegible] "hit the lid" on Kansas City [illegible] Floyd [illegible] Richetti and making them [illegible] with Kansas City gang leaders reportedly working to [illegible] two desperadoes before the [illegible] [illegible]

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in possession of the federal agents came to light here during the day, despite the iron-clad censorship against disclosing anything at present at the department. Whether the leads came from Galatas or James LaCapra, Kansas City gangster, at present in jail for his own protection, or from other sources, could not be learned.

Whatever the source, Lazia was said to have been linked definitely in a meeting with Floyd, Ricchetti and Verne Miller—another gunman participating in the massacre who since has been taken for a one-way ride—the night before the massacre.

No Bloodshed Intended.

The evidence is reported to disclose that the quartet at that time planned o "rescue" Nash when he arrived the next morning at Union station and that a group of gunmen was rounded up under Lazia's direction to accomplish the "rescue" work. It was not contemplated at that time that there should be wholesale killings at the station plaza; the quartet was reported as believing that with a display of great force they could overawe and overpower Nash's captors at the station, release Nash and get away without bloodshed.

Such was the reported plan, known at first hand only to the quartet of ringleaders, including Lazia. Two of the four have been killed, and the other two—the only men who could tell of it through personal knowledge—are Floyd and Ricchhetti.

Whether the federal agents know the names of the Kansas City gangsters interested in running down Floyd and Richetti could not be learned. Presumably they do.

Widely Known in K. C.

In his alleged mission of rounding up a considerable force of gunmen in Kansas City to "rescue" Nash, Lazia is reported to have taken certain close friends into his confidence. At least one of those friends, according to reported information unearthed by federal men, was widely known in law enforcement circles in Kansas City.

The government is said to be in possession of statements to the effect that this man and other friends of Lazia knew of the plan to "rescue" Nash before the "rescue" was attempted.

It is this evidence that is to go before the grand jury in considerable detail, according to reports prevalent here concerning which officials decline to comment.

Among the circle of Lazia's friends the government is said to be hopeful of finding the "man higher up" and of indicting him—probably with others heretofore unmentioned in the case.

Haven't Told All.

Justice officials admitted that they had "considerable evidence" with regard to plan to free Nash which they had not disclosed as yet, but declined to indicate who supplied it or its nature. It was reported also the goverrment men still were working vigorously on the case, running down leads in various quarters; officials justified their silence on the grounds that disclosure of certain evidence now might prejudice the case the government hopes to present.

There seemed to be some grounds for believing that District Attorney Milligan might come to Washington to confer with department officials prior to presenting the case to the grand jury. It could not be learned whether any move was under consideration looking to a request that he do so, or whether he might come here of his own volition.

Milligan was said at the department to be in complete charge of the prospective proceedings.

'PRETTY BOY' REPORTED SHOT

LITTLE ROCK, Oct. 13.—Department of Justice agents here were informed late today that two men, one of them wounded and resembling "Pretty Boy" Floyd, had purchased gasoline at Biscoe, forty-five miles east of here and had then taken a highway toward Little Rock. The man who resembled Floyd bore a wound in the head, according to R. E. Farris, proprietor of the filling station.

"Pretty Boy" and two companions, one of them believed to be George ("Baby Face") Nelson, engaged in a running gun battle with officers near Cresco, Ia., Thursday after they had been discovered on a farm disguised as laborers. They raced into Minnesota in their car, then doubled back and yesterday were reported sighted at various places in Missouri.

BURNED AUTO CLUE.

CENTERVILLE, Ia., Oct. 13.—(AP)—An abandoned car, still smoldering after it apparently had been intentionally burned, was found near here today. Bullet holes suggest it might have been the one used by "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

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'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD 'SEEN' IN ARKANSAS; BELIEVED WOUNDED

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious bandit and killer, and an unidentified companion were believed to be somewhere in Arkansas tonight after making an unexpected appearance at Biscoe, Ark., about 50 miles east of Little Rock.

R. E. Farris, Biscoe filling station operator, told the Little Rock office of the department of justice that a man with a wound in his head and resembling Floyd purchased gasoline at his filling station early this afternoon. The wounded man and a companion were traveling in a roadster, Farris reported.

Several hours later Little Rock police and Pulaski county sheriff's patrols had not sighted the bandits and it was believed the suspected car turned off highway 70 to Hazen, Lonoke, or some minor point. However, the sheriff of Lonoke county said the car was unreported and belief was expressed the hunted pair had taken to some little used road soon after leaving Biscoe.

Sheriffs of every county through which Floyd might pass en route to his familiar hideouts in the Ozark mountain country of northwest Arkansas had been notified to watch for the bandit suspects.

Missouri state police and local officials lost the trail of Floyd and two companions near Mexico, Mo., and today Col. B. Marvin Casteel, superintendent of highway police, ordered that the hunt be abandoned.

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FLOYD SIGHTED IN OKLAHOMA

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 14 (U. S.).—Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, much sought desperado, was sighted today by Frank Shook and L. S. Stockwell, while motoring on a highway 16 miles north of Bartlesville, Okla.

According to the two men, Floyd and four companions, including a woman, gave chase, but were outdistanced.

This latest report of the bad man's activities may revive efforts to track him down. When the trail of Floyd and his companions was lost near Mexico, Mo., yesterday, Col. B. D. M. Casteel, superintendent of the State highway forces, ordered the hunt given up for the time being.

Various and conflicting reports of Floyd's activities have been coming in.

A Briscoe, Ark., filling station operator yesterday informed the Little Rock, Ark., offices of the Department of Justice that a man resembling Floyd, with a head wound, stopped late yesterday afternoon at his station to buy gas.

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and [redacted] (4) IV [redacted] . . . Waiting in Kansas City to be questioned by federal agents about the union station massacre of June, 1933, is (4) **MRS. VERNE MILLER**, widow of the slain machine gunner . . .

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FED FLOYD AND 2 MATES SATURDAY, KANSANS SAY

Ottawa, Kan., Oct. 15.—(AP)—Tom Boyles and Roscoe Ward, who are "batching" on a farm separately, settled country ten miles east of here, reported to police today that three armed men went to their home about midnight Saturday and demanded food.

One of the men, Boyles said, carried a machine gun strapped to his back. Boyles and Ward were shown photographs of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw; Adam Richetti, Floyd's lieutenant, and George (Baby Face) Nelson, Chicago gangster, which they identified as members of the trio which called on them.

The three men were fed potatoes and bacon. Before they left they warned Boyles and Ward not to report their presence in the neighborhood.

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FEDERAL BROOM IN LOCAL CORNERS

One of the results of intense activity by the Department of Justice and its Secret Service agents in running down bandits and kidnapers may be wholesome in gang-ridden cities like Kansas City, where corrupt politics furnishes refuge. Washington dispatches indicate that revelations to the agents disclose an alliance between the underworld, privilege interested in government and the ruling political clique, such as has existed in Chicago, where the United States at least removed the master mind, Al Capone, from the immediate scene.

Developments in the year-long investigation of the Union Station Plaza massacre are said to involve important Kansas City figures as probable witnesses before the grand jury. Three detectives, a Secret Service agent and their prisoner were killed by that fusillade. The local political character who is said to have procured local gunmen and provided a hiding place in the city recently was assassinated. A gangster who "squealed" has been shot at twice and is held for safety with another former political minion.

"It was learned," according to The Chicago Daily News Washington correspondent, "that Federal agents had uncovered evidence of an alliance between politicians and the underworld" and "the grand jury may issue subpoenaes for prominent Kansas City politicians, past and present, as well as former officials of the city administration. . . . An alleged politico-gangster alliance is believed responsible for the mass murder in June, 1933."

The arm of Uncle Sam is long and seemingly untiring. When such affairs are hushed up, local political go-betweens are off their guard, feeling secure, and criminals relax their vigilance, the Secret Service under-cover men insinuate themselves into the confidence of the undesirable fringe of humanity through which contacts are possible with the "insiders." They know there is no "honor among thieves." Deceit, treachery and revenge are perpetually disintegrating factors in corrupt political and criminal circles. Sobriety is not a characteristic of their leisure hours. As the months roll by the Secret Service learns all that is common knowledge in an environment where the current gossip concerns criminal associates and understands how to use it.

Agents assert that they have facts about the Union Station Plaza massacre. In acquiring them inevitably they have discovered much more. What they produce at the trial may shock Kansas City into an irresistible crusade for reform. It might shock all Missouri by its possible ramifications; for Kansas City political influence has been felt throughout the State.

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Floyd's Pursuers Set for Gun Fight

Tip Focuses Killer Hunt in Topeka, Kas.

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During the last week, the elusive killer has been reported sighted in Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas, and today he was sought unsuccessfully in Topeka, after a park attendant reported seeing Floyd and two companions in a sedan.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1934.

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The agents, conducting an intensive search for Floyd and his companion, Adam Richetti, believe Floyd would die fighting rather than surrender. The two sought as participants in the killing of five men at the Kansas City Union station in 1933.

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St Paul Daily News

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Kidnaped By "Pretty Boy," Oil Attendants Asserts

By United Press.

WICHITA, Kans., Oct. 16.—Howard C. Tindle, 24, Springfield, Mo., filling station attendant missing since Sunday night, today told police he was kidnaped by Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd and another man.

Tindle was released by the pair late Monday on a highway north of here. He made his way to Wichita, telephoned relatives at Springfield and then communicated with police.

Tindle said one of his capture was Floyd after he looked at police pictures. He could not identify the other man. Police said if Tindle's captor was Floyd the purpose of the kidnaping probably was to throw off suspicion by having a third man in the car.

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STATE TO JOIN IN

Massacre Case Will Be Taken Up by County Grand Jury November 5.

DEPENDS ON U. S. ACTION

If Delay Is Advisable Judge Seehorn Will Call the Body Later.

FULL STORY TO BE TOLD

At the Federal Inquiry, Survivors of Station Tragedy Will Testify.

DR. DeMARIA SUBPOENAED.

Dr. Peter F. MeMaria, a physician and surgeon, was subpoenaed this afternoon to appear as a witness before the federal grand jury Monday. The subpoena was served by James H. Chandler, deputy United States marshal. Dr. DeMaria is assistant superintendent of General hospital. A subpoena was served yesterday on Dr. D. M. Nigro to appear as a grand jury witness in the same connection.

Murder and its related felonies, the outgrowth of the challenge to the law by gangsters attempting the release of a manacled confederate in the union station massacre June 17, 1933, will be considered by a Jackson County grand jury which will be called to meet November 5.

Judge Thomas J. Seehorn of the criminal division of the circuit court will call the grand jury for that date, unless the development of evidence before the federal grand jury should make a further delay desirable.

After the Federal Jury.

W. W. Graves, jr., Jackson County prosecutor, today revealed that the immediate calling of a grand jury had been under consideration since last Saturday, but that after conferences with Sheriff Thomas B. Bash and R. B. Nathan, agent in charge of the federal division of investigation, the assembling of the state's investigating body had been delayed to a date two weeks beyond the assembly date of the federal grand jury, which convenes Monday.

Looking to Sheriff Bash as the holder of the key to the fixing of the crimes that may have been committed, and for which the state holds the only power to punish, the prosecutor said he and Judge Seehorn would defer to Sheriff Bash's judgment and to the wishes of the federal government as to the proper time to call a county grand jury.

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subpoenaed by the government to tell the grand jury what happened at the station, and to relate the manner in which the government agents established the fact that the massacre was the result of a plot to rescue Nash from custody.

Five other agents have been directed to be in Kansas City as witnesses before the federal investigating body. Up to this time no subpoena has been issued for the third survivor of the massacre, P. J. Lackey, a federal agent now stationed at Oklahoma City.

Lackey spent weeks in a hospital recovering from bullet wounds in the back and then was returned to duty in Oklahoma, where he since has taken part in the quiet search conducted by federal agents for Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd and his associates.

The other agents called by the government:

Edward E. Conroy, now stationed at Little Rock, Ark.

Leon G. Turrou of the New York office, who took a leading part in the tracing of the Lindbergh ransom money.

W. F. Trainor of Kansas City.

H. E. Andersen of Kansas City.

S. K. McKee of Kansas City.

Additional subpoenas were in the hands of deputy marshals for service today. It was said the staff of deputies in the office of Henry Dillingham, United States marshal, would serve fifteen summonses today. Other names would be added to the list of government witnesses today and tomorrow, according to assistants in the office of Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney.

The five men killed in the underworld plot to release Frank Nash were: Raymond J. Caffrey, federal agent; Frank Hermanson and W. J. "Red" Grooms, city detectives of Kansas City; Otto Reed, chief of police of McAlester, Ok., and Nash, gangster, who was being returned to the federal prison at Leavenworth.

The grand jury will investigate the crime to indict for the crime of "conspiracy to obstruct justice." More than fifty witnesses will be called by the grand jury, among them being Eugene C. Reppert, former director of police, and Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives, and several former associates of the late John Lazia.

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But the federal government can solve the murders, name the men who actually fired the shots that killed, and name the men and women who took part in the making of the plot and the shielding later of the killers.

Evidence of that character would tend to establish who were and who were not accessories before and after the fact of murder, and subject the accessories to the charge perhaps of murder. The government's witnesses who tell their stories to the federal grand jury would be eligible witnesses as well before a state grand jury.

The county prosecutor's statement:

"In view of the recent developments in the station massacre, Judge Thomas J. Seehorn of the criminal court and myself conferred last Saturday concerning the advisability of calling a county grand jury.

"It was agreed at that conference that I should confer with the department of justice and Sheriff Thomas B. Bash and advise them that a grand jury would be called at any time to receive such evidence that they might have to present concerning any state offenses.

The Evidence Later.

"Tuesday I met with Mr. Nathan of the department of justice and Sheriff Bash, in which conference I was advised by Mr. Nathan that the department of justice was not ready at this time to disclose any evidence concerning any state offenses, for the reason that its investigations have not been completed at this date.

"Therefore, in order not to hinder the investigations now being conducted by Sheriff Bash and the department of justice, I am authorized by Judge Seehorn to state that a grand jury will not be called until November 5, at which time any evidence of any state offenses may be presented by either the department of justice or Sheriff Bash."

FEDERAL JURY TO HEAR ALL

Two Survivors of Union Station Massacre Will Repeat Their Stories

Two of the three survivors of the party of eight men who emerged from the union station the morning of June 17, 1933, will tell the federal grand jury Monday the facts of the massacre of five members of the party.

Only three of the eight men lived through the raking crossfire of machine guns. Only one of them escaped without a bullet hitting him. He was Frank Smith, agent in charge of the division of investigation at Oklahoma City. Smith and R. E. Vetterli, whose left arm was grazed by a bullet as three gangsters attempted to carry out a plot to liberate Frank Nash, Oklahoma desperado, from the custody of government agents, have been

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1934.

The Massacre Case to Be Called Thursday.

The old indictment returned by a federal grand jury a year ago accusing eleven men and women with conspiracy to obstruct federal justice, based on the attempted delivery of Frank Nash, escaped federal convict, in which five persons were slain on the union station plaza, has been called by Judge Albert L. Reeves for 9:30 o'clock Thursday.

Judge Reeves said at his home last night that he had been asked by Maurice M. Milligan, United States district attorney, to call the plaza massacre indictment for Thursday. He said he understood Mr. Milligan desired the presence of some of those named in the indictment in court Thursday.

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FLOYD VICTIM CALLED

Bolivar Sheriff, Kidnaped by 'Pretty Boy,' Subpoenaed.

Sheriff Jack Killingsworth of Bolivar, who was kidnaped by Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd the day before the Union station massacre, Thursday was subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury in its investigation of the Union station massacre.

The subpoena marked another step by federal agents in their effort to attach to Floyd the guilt of participation in the station killings.

Sheriff Killingsworth will be able to testify that he was taken by Floyd to the Central Industrial district at 9 or 10 o'clock the night before the massacre, where Floyd left him with instructions to drive on.

Through his testimony, the government hopes to establish the fact that Floyd was in Kansas City at the time of the massacre and could have taken part in it.

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HIS FLOYD STORY AGAIN

JACK KILLINGSWORTH IS CALLED TO TESTIFY HERE.

Details of Kidnaping by "Pretty Boy" and Adam Richetti Will Be Given by the Missouri Sheriff.

Subpoena For "Jeff" Rayen.

Deputy United States marshals reported this afternoon that they had spent three days in an unsuccessful attempt to serve a grand jury subpoena on George "Jeff" Rayen, police lieutenant, for appearance Monday in the union station massacre investigation. The deputies said Rayen had not appeared at his office.

Jack Killingsworth, sheriff of Polk County, Missouri, today was summoned to appear before the federal grand jury here Monday to tell that body of his meeting on June 16, 1933, with Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd at Bolivar, county seat of Polk County.

Floyd and Adam Richetti, Oklahoma bandits, kidnaped Killingsworth at Bolivar the day before the union station massacre here, and kept the Polk County sheriff with them throughout a drive that finally ended in the Central Industrial dsitrict in Kansas City, where Floyd and Richetti were met by Kansas City gangster friends.

The kidnaping of Killingsworth took place in Bolivar in a garage where Joe Richetti, brother of Adam Richetti, was employed as a mechanic.

Killingsworth communicated June 17 with Sheriff Thomas B. Bash. The Polk County sheriff said he did not notify Kansas City police officers of his release because of a death threat from Floyd, and because a car filled with friends of Floyd had followed the Killingsworth car to Lees Summit.

Captive of Floyd and Richetti with Killingsworth was Walter Griffith, a real estate agent of Clinton, Mo. The government apparently does not plan to call Griffith or Joe Richetti as witnesses.

A KISS FOLLOWS DIVORCE.

Tears Accompany Demonstration After Decree Is Granted.

Domestic difficulties covering a period of years between John D. McDermott and his wife, Mrs. Luella McDermott, culminated yesterday in Mrs. McDermott being granted a divorce by Judge W. H. McCamish of Wyandotte County district court.

The suit was contested and in the testimony both Mr. and Mrs. McDermott hurled charges at each other.

When the words "divorce granted to plaintiff" left the lips of Judge McCamish, McDermott walked around the counsel table, embraced his divorced wife and kissed her.

Tears filled the eyes of Mrs. McDermott as she returned the kiss. Then they parted.

According to N. E. Snyder, attor-

SAYS FLOYD HELD HIM UP.

Four Others Were With Outlaw in Iowa, Farmer Asserts.

(By the Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, Oct. 17.—The Iowa police radio system tonight reported that a farmer was held up at the junction of U. S. highway No. 65 and state highway No. 3, halfway between Leon, Ia., and Corydon, Ia., by five men in a small sedan, one of whom he told officers he recognized as Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd. They took only his tire pump and tire repair kit.

Two of the men appeared to be badly wounded and all were heavily armed.

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1934.

B. H. THURMAN TO GRAND JURY.

Subpoena Is Served on the Former Chief of Detectives.

B. H. Thurman, chief of detectives in the last Republican administration, was directed in a subpoena served last night by John S. Marshall, deputy United States marshal, to appear before the federal grand jury that will convene Monday morning to investigate the union station massacre June 17, 1933.

Shortly after the Democratic party obtained control of the police department when home rule was instigated Thurman was reduced in rank to sergeant of detectives. Eugene C. Reppert, then director of police, asked for his resignation July 4, 1933.

Thurman had been a member of the detective department thirteen years, handling many important cases. When Reppert demanded his resignation, the director said Thurman was being dropped "to increase the efficiency of the department."

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SEARCH FOR FLOYD TURNS AGAIN TO IOWA

Robbed of Auto Tools by "Pretty Boy," Farmer Reports.

Des Moines, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The law's dragnet swept over south-central Iowa today where Wednesday night Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, No. 1 public enemy of the Southwest, and two wounded companions were believed to have escaped with an odd assortment of loot—the tire pump, tool kit and tire repair set from the automobile of a frightened and bewildered farmer.

State bureau of criminal investigation agents and county officers were investigating the report of a Wayne county farmer, name undisclosed, who said that a man he identified as Floyd and four others, two badly wounded, halted him on a highway intersection west of Corydon, Iowa.

The bandits, driving a sedan bristling with machine guns and rifles, accosted the farmer at a highway intersection about 6:30 P. M. Wednesday, a report from the state police radio station, KGHO, said.

The farmer, who said they took only tools from his car, reported the theft to the Wayne county sheriff.

Police and sheriffs have been searching for Floyd in Iowa and other western states since he was surprised in a hideout near McIntire, Iowa, exchanging machine gun fire with state and county officers.

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PRETTY BOY FLOYD STEALS REPAIR KIT

Des Moines, Oct. 18 (AP).—Officers searched today for Pretty Boy Floyd and two wounded companions. They were believed to have escaped with the tire pump, tool kit and tire repair set from the automobile of a frightened farmer last night.

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JURY INTO EVERY ANGLE

TRANSFER MAN IS SUMMONED IN MASSACRE CASE.

T. L. Dalton, Who Was Called to Verne Miller's Home, Will Testify—Reppert Said to Be on the Way Here.

Within a few days after the union station massacre, June 17, 1933, a transfer truck stopped at the house at 6612 Edgevale road, which had been occupied by Verne C. Miller, gangster, and luggage and some other articles in the house were removed.

Miller, now dead, was one of the machine gunners who engaged in the attempt to liberate Frank Nash from seven peace officers who were taking Nash back to the federal prison at Leavenworth, from which he had escaped October 19, 1930. Four officers and Nash were slain in the clash.

TRANSFER MAN CALLED.

Thomas L. Dalton, engaged in the transfer business at 7410-12 Wornall road, today was subpoenaed by the federal government to appear Monday to testify before the federal grand jury, which will convene on that day to investigate the plot to release Nash from custody.

A deputy United States marshal today served a subpoena on George L. (Jeff) Rayen, a lieutenant of police, in charge of the motor theft department. Rayen was found at his home, 4601 Terrace street.

It was said at the United States district attorney's office today that an unidentified person had called on the telephone today to inform the district attorney that Eugene C. Reppert, former director of police, for whom a subpoena had been issued, would report at the district atorney's office Monday morning. Reppert, the caller said, was on the way to Kansas City from Miami, Fla.

Thirty-two witnesses to be heard by the grand jury already have been served with summonses. Deputy marshals still had in their hands for service fifteen summonses, it was estimated by Henry L. Dillingham, United States marshal.

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR, FRIDAY, [illegible]

Alibis to Be of Little Use In Station Massacre Case

Guilt May Be Proved Although Some of Defendants May Have Been Far From Scene—Lawyers Are Taking Advantage of the Underworld's Alarm to Ask Heavy Fees.

ON the defensive, where the alibi, the underworld's cure-all for crime "raps," is useless, the men with gangster affiliations are facing the payment of huge fees for legal talent to blaze the trail to freedom or immunity in the government's investigation of the union station massacre which took place June 17, 1933.

Proximity to the scene of the crime is not necessary to implicate a participant in the conspiracy to liberate Frank Nash from the custody of government agents, the objective of the three men who played machine guns on the party of eight men who emerged from the union station on the way to the federal prison at Leavenworth June 17, 1933. Nor would remoteness from the scene serve to clear one of guilt in the crime which the federal grand jury will investigate Monday under the direction of Judge Merrill E. Otis. Therefore, the uselessness of the alibi.

Lawyers See the Need.

The alarm which the underworld generally is experiencing about the present investigation is placing fat legal fees in the hands of lawyers, generally known in the underworld as "mouthpieces." Sensing the plight of their erstwhile friends, the lawyers whose services are being sought are levying heavy charges for their services.

In a sense, the circumstances of the massacre have removed suspected persons from the pale of political protection, or even political consideration. Political figures would hesitate to "front" for men or women who had, by act or word, contributed to the death of four law officers, two of them detectives of the Kansas City police department. Complicating the situation is the fact the conspirators in the plot to liberate Nash are dealing with the federal government. Those spokesmen generally do not care to see eye to eye with the men whose [illegible] as a guard of suspect political organization [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] that prevailed in the days when things were well in hand, and a lawyer had to be careful not to offend by suggesting he was taking on a hard case, have been replaced with a schedule of charges that has brought rumbles from some of those who already have sought the advice of counsel. For easy computation and better understanding, some lawyers have fixed one cipher to fees formerly quoted to underworld clients, thereby adding fees of $100 to $1,000.

Up to $100,000.

The higher fees to be quoted, it is asserted, will be between $25,000 and $100,000, and in one or two instances may top $100,000, because of the intricacy and probable duration of the case should trial still ensue.

A lawyer who pledged himself to a [illegible] for duration of the litiga-

tion may find he has taken on the job of fighting a case foot by foot through not only the federal courts, but the state courts, as well. It will be a long, hard struggle, with the way strewn with legal pitfalls new to both the victim and his attorney.

Too many shocking deaths are involved to have the case lend itself to "fronting" tactics. Experienced lawyers know they merely would heap bitter reprisals on their clients by undertaking to handle the cases in that way. The only course open, apparently, is the practice of above-board law, the discovery of evidence that will be admissible in defense.

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KANSAS CITY JOURNAL-POST. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1934.

SUBPOENA TO RAYEN

Reppert Reported Returning for Massacre Probe.

A 2-day search for Lt. George (Jeff) Rayon, superintendent of the police department automobile theft bureau, was ended Thursday night and a deputy United States marshal served him with a subpoena to appear before the federal grand jury which convenes October 22.

It also was reported at the federal building Friday that Eugene C. Reppert, former director of police, had been located in Miami, Fla., and was on his way to Kansas City to appear before the grand jury.

Rayen and Reppert are expected to be questioned in connection with the Union station massacre in which Frank Nash, federal prisoner, and four officers were slain June 17, 1933.

Thomas Dalton, 7410 Wornall road, a transfer man, was served Friday with a summons to appear before the grand jury. He is believed to have been employed to remove certain belongings from 6612 Edgevale road, the hideout of Verne Miller, named as one of the machine gunners who participated in the massacre.

So far more than forty subpoenas have been issued by federal authorities in connection with its investigation of the massacre. About a dozen more are expected to be served before the body assembles next Monday.

WOUNDED

CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, killer and bandit, was believed fatally wounded in a running fight with a posse after robbing a Tiltonville, Ohio, bank.

FLOYD IS SHOT; PAL CAPTURED IN GUN BATTLE

"Pretty Boy," Believed Fatally Wounded, Escapes in Woods After Shooting His Pursuer

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 21. (U.S.). — Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot through the stomach and believed mortally wounded early today by Chief of Police J. H. Fultz, as Floyd, Adam Richetti and a third companion bivouacked on a hill near the town after the robbery of the Tiltonville bank Friday afternoon, Richetti was capture.

In the gun battle Fultz was wounded in the ankle. Grover Potts, a possseman, and J. H. Baum, a florist who had been carried away by the bandit as a shield, were also wounded in the gunfire.

Fultz said tonight:

FLOYD HIT SQUARELY

"The man I shot answered the general description of Floyd. I don't know why he didn't drop for I am sure I hit him square in the stomach. I was wounded in the ankle and he got away."

It was not until late today that the bandit captured by the posse was identified as Richetti. Richetti is wanted by the Government for participating in the Kansas City station massacre in which five men were slain last June.

The third bandit escaped with the man identified as Floyd. It was not believed tonight that they had gone far, and the woods within 10 miles of here was being beaten by possemen. There is a chance that Floyd, if not too badly wounded, escaped Eastward into the mountains of West Virginia.

In the Tiltonville bank robbery the bandits secured only a small amount of money, estimated at not more than $500.

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FLOYD IS SHOT, PAL CAPTURED

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Richetti was being held in the jail here, guarded by local officers. Federal agents from Cincinnati arrived tonight to claim the prisoner and join in the search for Floyd and his unidentified companion.

Floyd was last heard of a week ago in Southeastern Iowa when he had a running gunfire with highway police.

ADMITS TWO KIDNAPINGS

Adam Richetti has admitted to Mayor W. H. Daugharty and John H. Fultz, and a number of others, that he and Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd kidnaped Sheriff Killingsworth of Bolivar, Mo., a year ago, and took him to Lesummit, Mo., where they threw him out of their automobile.

Richetti insisted that the man shot by Fultz is not Floyd, but a man named James Warren, Toledo, Ohio.

But the identification of "Pretty Boy" was said by Fultz in an interview with Universal Service tonight to have been positive.

Fifteen Federal agents from Detroit, Kansas City, and Chicago persisted in their efforts to obtain the custody of Richetti, and the local authorities equally persisted in their refusal to release him for the time being.

Melvin Purvis, chief of the Chicago office of the Department of Justice, arrived here by airplane with five other Federal agents early today to take charge of the hunt for pretty Boy Floyd. The men were armed with sub-machine guns and revolvers.

Purvis immediately asked police to turn over Richetti. Police 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.

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WOUNDED CHIEF DESCRIBES HOW HE 'GOT' FLOYD

Talked Killer Into Letting Him Approach by Pretending to Be Unarmed Brick Worker

Police Chief John H. Fultz was being treated in an infirmary tonight for the bullet wound in the leg which he had received in his gun fight with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd when he made the following signed statement exclusively for Universal Service.

By JOHN H. FULTZ
Chief of Police, Wellsville, Ohio
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WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 21.—I shot Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He is badly wounded. I don't believe he can get far away. Besides being wounded he is disarmed. Here is how it happened:

When some of our citizens came to me early yesterday with complaints of two men camping in the woods on the outskirts of Wellsville, I took a couple of my men in plain clothes, to investigate.

A man was on the lookout. He was Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I knew him instantly from photographs I had studied.

He saw me and pulled out a gun. He told me to throw up my hands.

OUTWITS BANDIT

I told him I was a workingman on my way to the brickyard by the river, and if he didn't mind I'd be going along.

He kept pointing the gun at me, but allowed me to keep moving. My two men were a short distance behind. As I got close Floyd poked his gun in my ribs. He kept walking beside me. When I made a move for my gunpocket, he knocked my hand down.

I said that all I wanted was my tobacco.

He told me that I didn't have to smoke.

We kept on walking down the hill from the spot where he had been camping. We were about 100 feet down, when Floyd's buddy, Adam Richetti, suddenly came up. Richetti didn't like the looks of things. He started firing his 45-caliber revolver right away. I had jumped aside, and was about 15 feet away from from Floyd.

LETS FLOYD HAVE IT

I whipped out my 32-caliber revolver and let Floyd have it. I shot him right in the stomach.

Since my encounter with Floyd I have learned that Floyd gave George McMillan, a local man, $10, for the use of his car and had forced James H. Baum, a florist, to accompany him and then change cars with him.

We got Floyd's machine gun, which had a broken handle, a .45 pistol that we believe belonged to Floyd and a .45 pistol that Richetti carried.

Richetti claims the man I shot was not Floyd but I think he is trying to mislead us.

My wound is not serious and as soon as I get out of here I'm going to direct the search for Floyd. I don't believe he got far away, possibly crawled off in the woods and died.

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PRETTY BOY SHOT, HUNTED IN WOODS

(By United Press)

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Mayor W. H. Daugherty said that police had [illegible] the [illegible] into woods near [illegible] and [illegible] were closing in on [illegible] hiding [illegible].

Certain Floyd Wounded.

The man believed to be Floyd escaped after a gun battle between Police Chief K. H. Fultz and one of Floyd's alleged henchmen, Adam Richetti. Richetti was captured.

Fultz was certain Floyd was wounded. Bloodstains were found on the cushions of an automobile the outlaw commandeered in an effort to escape.

Deputy James Baum was wounded in one arm. Grover Fultz, whose old Ford car was commandeered, was shot in the leg by a Lisbon policeman.

Floyd Escapes Hideaway.

Chief Fultz, Baum and a civilian were walking down a street when they encountered Richetti.

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Pretty Boy Floyd

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CONFESSIONS IN NASH PLOT

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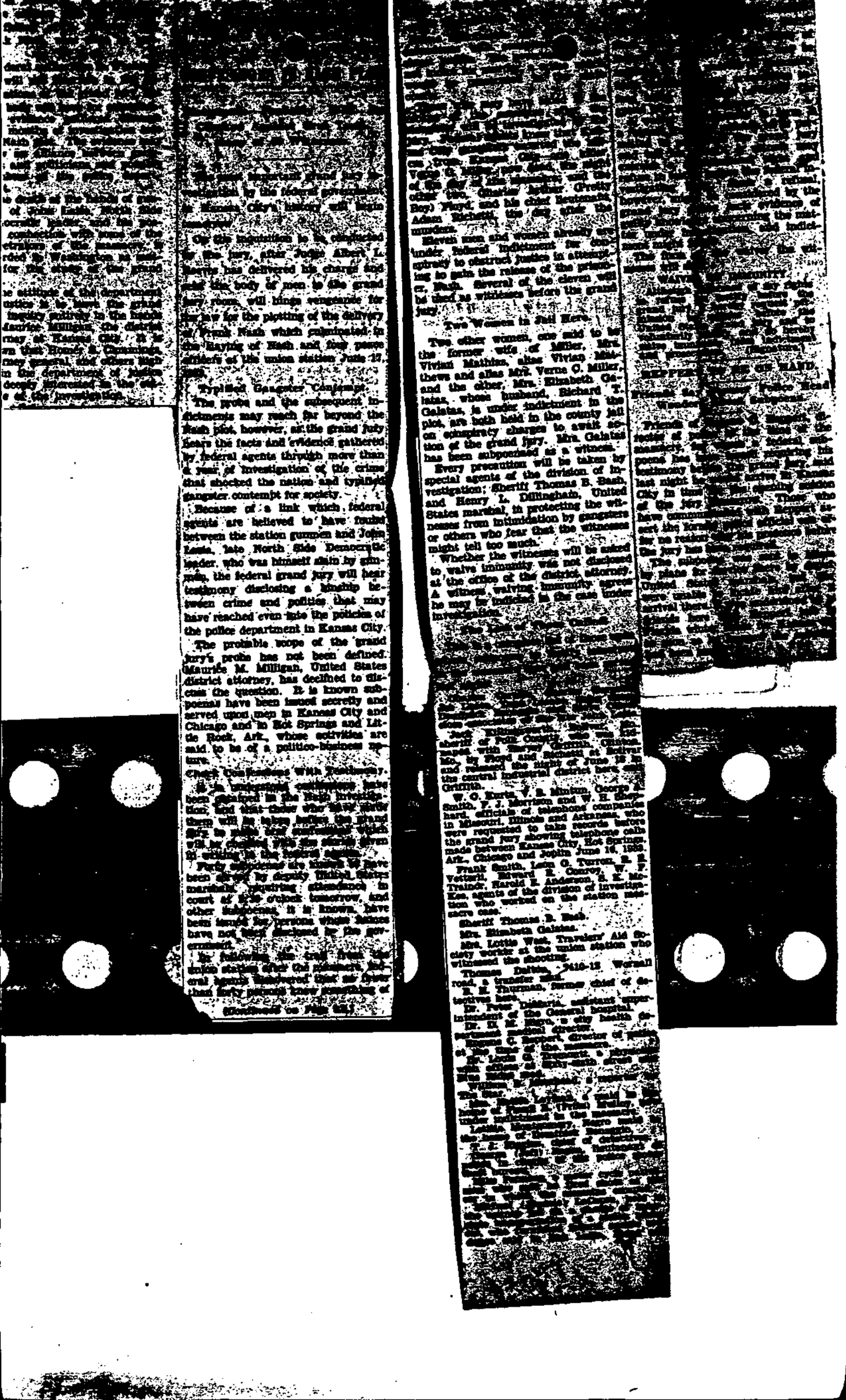

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Dr. Louis G. Tremonti, a physician with offices at Sixty-sixth street and Blue Ridge road.

William R. [illegible], a reporter for The Star.

Mrs. [illegible], a maid in the home of [illegible] (Prim) Mulloy, [illegible] under indictment in the massacre.

Letitia Montgomery, Negro maid in the home of Dominick Benaggio.

T. J. [illegible], chief of detectives.

George (Jeff) [illegible], lieutenant of police in charge of the police [illegible]

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WAIVER OF IMMUNITY.

Although [illegible] of my rights to refuse [illegible] before the grand jury [illegible] request permission [illegible] before the United States [illegible] jury and to voluntarily [illegible] and do hereby waive immunity [illegible] indictment and prosecution. (Signature.)

REPPERT TO BE ON HAND.

Friends Say Former Police Head Wonders About Subpoena.

Friends of [illegible] Reppert, director of police at the time of the massacre, for which a federal subpoena has been issued requiring his testimony before the grand jury, said last night he would arrive in Kansas City in time for the opening session of the jury tomorrow. Those who have communicated with Reppert assert the former police official can offer no reason [illegible] his presence before the jury has been required.

The subpoena was sent to [illegible] by plane for service there by deputy United States marshals, but [illegible] were unable to locate him after arrival there. [illegible] friends here [illegible]