

Trial Of Lake And Key Is Set By Judge Gray For March 12

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The indictment under which the bankers will first go to trial alleges that Forrest Lake on August 6, 1927 did "knowingly, willfully and unlawfully embezzle and convert to his own use certain of the money, funds and credits of the Seminole County Bank, which said money, funds and credits did then and there come into the possession of him by virtue of his official position, in the amount of \$4,000, said money, funds and credits consisting of a certain number of fifty and one hundred dollar bills, with intent then and there to injure and defraud the said banking corporation, and that A. R. Key, then and there vice president and cashier of the said banking corporation, with like intent, did then and there aid and abet him knowingly, willfully and unlawfully said embezzlement and felony to commit."

Motions to quash the presentments were denied in the court's ruling, reserved yesterday and handed down this morning. Motions for bills of particulars were granted in 11 cases and denied in three others because information included in other motions was sufficient, the court decreed.

By the court's order in granting motions for bills of particulars, it instructed the state's attorney to prepare for the defense information relating to certain transactions as shown by books of the Seminole County Bank and referred to in the indictments. The court decreed the bankers' attorneys entitled to such information as would more clearly present the charges preferred in the indictments.

Under the orders, the state was told to hand over the required information within five days. Receiver for the bank was asked to compile the items at once, and work on this was started this afternoon.

The defense was given permission this morning to withdraw one plea set forth in each of the 15 pleas in abatement. The state voiced vigorous protests against permitting this privilege, but Judge Gray ruled that the defense could withdraw one of the pleas it so desired. The particular provision dealt with the contention that the indictments were inoperative against the defendants because State's Attorney Smith was declared to have been present in the grand jury room at the time the jury voted on the indictments. This fact, the defense declared, vitiated the presentments. The State's Attorney demurred to the allegation in regular order and in addition declared the charge to be "scandalous" because it tended to reflect upon the integrity and honesty of the grand jurors and the State's Attorney himself.

"For this allegation to be true," said Mr. Smith, "the defense has intimated that either some member or members of the grand jury or myself have violated oaths taken before this court."
The prosecutor pointed out that in view of the grand jurors' oath to discuss no phase of their activities to an outsider and his own oath to the same effect, it would be impossible for the defense to swear to its allegation unless it had obtained the information from one violating his oath.

This morning Attorney Dickerson of Tampa, member of the defense staff, asked to strike the plea from all the documents, adding that it had been inserted without the knowledge of Mr. Palmer, Mr. White or himself and had been prepared by a member of their firm unfamiliar with all the details in the case.

When Lake and Key are placed on trial a week from next Monday more than eight months will have elapsed since the bank closed and nearly six months since the first grand jury investigation into the affairs of the institution was ordered. Meeting late in September and continuing its session into the first part of October, a special grand jury returned 21 indictments against the accused men.

Scheduled to be heard at the full term of circuit court, the bank cases were delayed until after the Christmas holidays and then postponed indefinitely. The term closed at December and a special session of court was ordered by Judge Wright at the request of Governor John W. Martin to convene on Feb. 6.

A grand jury was empaneled and 15 indictments were filed against the two bankers, 13 of them being joint charges against Lake and Key and the other two naming Lake separately. Five of the presentments alleged embezzlement and misappropriation of bank funds, one embezzlement and abstraction of bank funds, six charging false entries and three others with violations of the state banking laws.

After adjourning on Feb. 6, court was reconvened the following day, until Feb. 13, while the supreme court was passing upon the qualification of Judge Gray to sit in the bank cases. The tribunal took another recess, until Feb. 22, to Feb. 21, when the defense filed pleas and motions to the indictments. Another delay of three days was given to permit the state to file pleadings to the defense.

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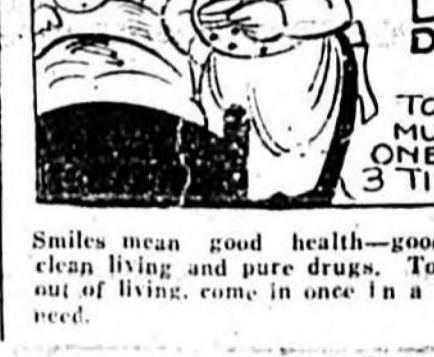
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Residents of Knox County, the home of Governor F. D. Sampson of Kentucky, presented him with this specially-equipped Buick sedan upon the occasion of his recent inauguration. At the left is O. R. Harrod, of the Frankfort Buick Co., beside Warner Savers, sales manager of the Leyman Buick Co., Cincinnati. At the right are Daniel Boone Smith, "baby" member of Kentucky's House of Representatives, who made the presentation in behalf of Knox County residents, and Governor Sampson.

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