

PETTING PARSON OF ZION MOVES TO JAIL HOUSE

Starts a 6 Months' Term Under Mann Act.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 15.—[Special.]—The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake stopped saving souls and muted his slide trombone today and became just one more prisoner in the Milwaukee house of correction. He is under six months sentence of the federal court in Milwaukee on charges by a 16 year old Kenosha girl who was his companion on extended petting parties in Wisconsin and Illinois, after which he has been assured his congregation at the Christian Assembly Church of Zion, Ill., will welcome him back to his pulpit.

The pastor, his six days' stay of execution gone, was on hand at the federal building early today. Mrs. Dake, repeating that she loved him more now than ever, was his sole companion. She accompanied him an hour later from the federal building to the Milwaukee county jail a dozen blocks away, to await transfer to the house of correction.

Most of the zeal, the unction, and the emotionalism which marked the Rev. Dake's most recent meetings with his congregation in Zion, had passed before he arrived at the county jail. The God Bless Us All spirit had given away almost to surliness which marked his refusal to permit picture taking.

"Too many pictures already," he told the Milwaukee photographers gathered in the jailer's office.

Granted the privilege of waiting in the office until the arrival of the Black

Maria, the steel barred bus which takes its loads of white and black prisoners away, the Rev. Mr. Dake sought security in a jail cell rather than continue in the office barraged with questions and resisting attempts to steal snapshots of him.

Mrs. Dake did not follow her husband to the house of correction, a dozen miles distant from downtown. She returned to Zion, where she will be awaiting him on his release, she said.

The Day's Biggest Hero

By International News Service

ZION, Ill., Feb. 15.—"The happiest man this side of heaven" left here for jail today.

He was the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, who must serve six months in the house of correction at Milwaukee for violating the Mann act with a 16-year-old Kenosha girl.

But Brother Dake, as he is affectionately known by his congregation, was exalted rather than downcast as he bade farewell.

Taking advantage of his last hours of freedom, he preached a stirring sermon last night which so moved his audience that 20 men and women rose and announced they had been converted.

The Rev. Dake, a handsome 33-year-old father of two children, wept with emotion and as he departed arm in arm with his wife, the entire congregation rose and shouted: "God save Brother Dake."

'Soul-Saving' Brings Term



Emma Barcelli



The Rev. Finis Jennings Dake

Convicted of violating the Mann act, the Rev. Finis Jennings Dake, Zion, Ill., pastor, drew a six-month jail sentence when tried in Milwaukee. The Rev. Mr. Dake, "exonerated" by his wife and flock, was charged, and admitted, transporting a 16-year-old girl, Emma Barcelli, shown above with Dake, from her home in Kenosha, Wis., to East St. Louis, Ill., during a "soul saving" expedition. The preacher says he just wanted to "pray" with Miss Barcelli.