

F. D. R. Frees Sailor Whose Life He Spared

By United Press.

ATLANTA, Saturday, Dec. 2.—Gus Menefee, former Navy man, won his freedom today from the Atlanta penitentiary as Franklin D. Roosevelt completed an act of clemency he started fifteen years ago while assistant secretary of the Navy, by a full pardon.

Menefee was a seaman on the United States Destroyer Fanning off the French coast during the war. The record of the case showed that his immediate superior, a petty officer, was the ship's bully.

The petty officer attacked Menefee in the engine room one day with a wrench, according to testimony, and Menefee shot him dead. A Navy court martial sentenced Menefee to be shot. The case came to the attention of Mr. Roosevelt, who then was assistant secretary of the Navy. Mr. Roosevelt commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Menefee petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus last November through Attorney H. W. Cox, Jr. The contention was that Mr. Roosevelt had no authority to commute the sentence. Federal Judge E. Marin Underwood allowed Menefee his freedom on the writ.

The government appealed the case. A month ago the Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Judge Underwood's decision and Menefee surrendered voluntarily.

The case was brought to the attention of President Roosevelt when he arrived at Warm Springs recently and today he granted Menefee a pardon.

Boy Bandit Gets \$500 From Bay City Bank

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Dec. 2.—A youthful bandit, believed by police to be the "college boy" slayer of Hewlett G. Tarr, theatre official, late today held up the Whitcomb Hotel branch of the American Trust Company and escaped with approximately \$500.

Police said the description tallied with that of the nervous bandit who shot and killed Tarr in the Curran Theatre Tuesday night.