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HOOPER HOME RUINED BY FIRE

Garage was Destroyed Before Water Could be Turned on and Blaze Spread to House
The Water Hydrants were Froze—Household Goods and Library Saved

Fire which started in the garage at the rear of the beautiful P. G. Hooper home on North Second street, completely destroyed the garage and had spread to the house before water could be turned on, owing to the fact that the water hydrants, at which firemen tried to make connections were frozen. The blaze was first noticed by neighbors, among them being Clayton Carroll and Fred Kinzie, who sent in the alarm. The general alarm was given at once and the fire department upon arriving there tried to connect the hose to the hydrant at the street crossing. Finding that the hydrant was frozen a connection had to be made at the Water works plant which is directly back of the Hooper home. In the meantime the firemen tried to fight the blaze with the chemical device, which aided by the high wind made some stiff job. By the time that the water connection was made and the hose laid to the house, the garage was completely destroyed and the roof at the rear of the house was burning. The firemen fought bravely and no time was lost in their earnest attempt to save the house, but sufficient water could not be turned on with the two lines to put the blaze out. Spreading upward the fire crept under the roof and within a few minutes burst out at the top and in front of the house. The firemen continued in their efforts to fight it, but the stiff wind was a better feeder than the water was an extinguisher and it was fully a half hour before the blaze was under control.

Although the damage to the house itself will run up in the hundreds of dollars, practically all the household furniture, both upstairs and down were saved. School boys, men, women, friends and neighbors volunteered their help and got out most of the furniture and household goods, including the valuable library of the P. G. Hooper. The fire did not injure the walls of the house, but the roof was practically destroyed and much damage was done to the inside from the smoke and water. No estimate of the exact loss or of the amount of the insurance carried thereon was obtainable this afternoon, but it will total several thousand dollars.

Mrs. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Scherick, of Fort Wayne occupied the house. They were eating dinner when the fire was noticed. It was stated that Mrs. Hooper was smoking some meat in the garage and the blaze originated from a small stove used for that purpose.

ABOUT THE SICK

Mrs. Emerson Bennett is quite ill with pneumonia.

Ruth Winnes, daughter of Will Winnes who has been suffering from bronchial pneumonia for the past week is better today.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christen that their daughter Catherine is in the hospital ill with the flu. She is not seriously ill and was better at last report. Naomi Christen, teacher of the Mt. Pleasant school is still confined to her bed with the flu but is much better.

Mrs. L. N. Grandstaff who has been ill with the flu suffered a severe spell with kidney trouble yesterday but is resting easier today.

Lawrence Lord is on the sick list. Charles Shick of Fort Wayne who was so low with pneumonia is improving and had the best day yesterday since his illness. It is believed he has passed the danger point.

Mrs. J. H. Heller, who has been quite ill for several days with the flu, is better today and unless complications arise, is expected to get along nicely. Mrs. Charles Saunders is assisting as nurse.

Mrs. Sam Roper, who was conveyed from the hospital in Fort Wayne by S. E. Black of the firm of Black & Oetting to the Decatur hospital, still remains very ill.

FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Robert L. Hoffman, the still born babe of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Hoffman, of Washington township. Burial was made at Honduras.

MAKING CHANGE

Gas Office is Being Moved to New Quarters and Soft Drink Parlor

IS BEING INSTALLED
In the Ellis Building—Manager of Gas Office Not Yet Appointed

The Northern Indiana Gas & Electric company is being moved today into the room north of the Murray Hotel on Third street and Fred Fullenkamp and Will Harting are moving their furniture for their soft drink parlor in the Ellis building.

The moving of the gas office was delayed on account of the sickness and death of the local manager, George E. Mount which occurred a week ago. The gas company hopes to be well located in their new quarters within the next ten days. Mrs. Hoyt Hartman, of Bluffton an assistant in the gas office there is assisting. Will Marker is taking care of the office here. Mr. Marker will look after the moving of the office.

Messrs Harting and Fullenkamp are moving their furniture in the Ellis building today and hope to open for business within another week. They will conduct a soft drink parlor and serve hot sandwiches, later on, hoping to put in a short order counter.

A man to succeed the late George Mount as manager of the local gas office has not yet been appointed.

ARE TO BE READY

New York, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Final trials for the Olympic teams are to be held in conjunction with the national track and field championships early in the summer. It has been announced by Secretary F. W. Rubien of the A. A. U. The date of the championships depends upon receipt of the official schedule from the Belgian Olympic committee.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Real estate transfers were made by Joseph V. Pease, guardian, to Effie B. Baker, lot in Decatur, guardian's deed, \$955; Elizabeth Costello and others to John T. Myers, lot in Decatur, \$2000.

A current report of Christian Boone, guardian of Walter Hilgeman was filed and approved, and trust was continued.

E. Burt Lenhart, guardian of Andrew Meyers, filed final report and was discharged as guardian.

In the damage suit of Joseph B. Pett vs. Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R. Co. and Corp. an appearance was made by Van Brunt & Harker and C. J. Lutz for the defendant, Toledo, St. Louis & Western R. R. Co. only. Answer in one paragraph.

The cause of A. D. Baker Co. & Corporation vs. Schafer Hardware Co. on an account was set for trial March 17. Leave was granted to plaintiff to withdraw the first paragraph of complaint.

The cause of Iron & Glass Dollar Savings Bank vs. Charles Spanley and others was reset for trial March 19.

MET SON IN FORT WAYNE

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Merryman went to Fort Wayne to meet their son, Charles Merryman, of Cardwell, Mo. He was passing through and the visit together was a pleasant one. They spent the night at the Anthony hotel, and Mr. Merryman went on to St. Louis from there.

CHARGE OF DECATUR OFFICE

Mrs. Hoyt Hartman went to Decatur this morning to take charge of the Decatur gas office until a successor has been chosen for the late George Mount, manager, who died last week. —Bluffton Banner.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and much colder tonight; Sunday fair.

A COMPLETE LIST

Of All Deceased Soldiers of This County is Made up by American Legion

TWENTY-FIVE NAMES

Ready for Memorial Day Services—Membership Drive Progressing

Another meeting of the American Legion will be held at the Macabee hall, above the Holthouse drug company, Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which time final arrangements will be made for the memorial services to be held on February 22, in honor of the soldier boys from this county who died while in military service, and every member is urged to attend.

A complete list of all the deceased soldiers from this county has been made up and memorial certificates will be presented to their nearest relatives at this time. The list contains twenty names and is as follows. If any person knows of any deceased soldier not mentioned in the list they are requested to notify Joseph Laurent who can be found at the post office.

The list: John Klopfenstein, Berne; Lewis Bultemeier, Decatur; Lawrence Buch, Decatur; Floyd Mann, Decatur; Chalmers C. Eley, Berne; David Bixler, Berne; Jesse F. Christen, Decatur; Clarence Clark, Decatur; Reuben Heller, Berne; Chris Hirschy, Monroe; Urban Kuntz, Geneva; Erhardt Brandtmiller, Decatur; Ralph Miller, Decatur; Charles Murtagh, Decatur; Omer Reusser, Berne; John O. Roberts, Berne; Albert D. Smith, Monroe; Jefferson Schwartz, Monroe; Samuel Huser, Berne; Frank Henschen, Magley; Roy Coffelt, Geneva; Fred Riker, Willshire. (Continued on Page Three)

ORDERS REPORT

Kenyon Bill Regulating the Meat Packing Industry Passes Committee

FAVOR ITS ADOPTION

Agreement on Reservations on Peace Treaty May Not Come for Awhile

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate agricultural committee today ordered a favorable report on the new Kenyon Hendricks bill to regulate the meat packing industry.

The vote was unanimous in favor of reporting the measure. Chairman Gronna said. A federal life stock commission would be set up by the measure to regulate the packers through a system of registration.

The new measure was drafted following an agreement between the big packers and Attorney General Palmer by which the packers were to divorce their allied industries.

The license system in the original bill which was criticized by the packers is changed in the new bill.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Whether the senate will be able to reach an agreement on a reservation to article ten of the league of nations will be decided within a day or two, senators today predicted.

It is not generally believed the resignation of Secretary Lansing, revealing a wide breach between him and the president, will affect the course of the treaty, although "irreconcilables" will try to make the most of it.

Hope of early agreement today centered about two proposals on article ten resolution submitted to Senator Lodge by Senator Hitchcock yesterday. These two proposals, Hitchcock said, indicate the limits to which democrats are willing to go in compromise on this question.

Lodge today submitted to the republicans two proposals. He personally declined to commit himself publicly on either one. He said the first and most necessary thing to do was to see how many votes the democratic program could command.

Lodge's friends today pointed out that President Wilson in his letter to Senator Hitchcock read in the recent democratic caucus said the form of the reservation submitted to him some days earlier by Hitchcock was unfortunate.

B. B. TEAM TO EAT

The boys basket ball team of the Decatur high school will be treated to a big feed tomorrow noon. John Joseph promised the whole team a big chicken dinner if they proved the victors of the Monroe-Decatur game last Thursday and with this on their mind the boys couldn't help but win. John asks every member of the team to be at his store tomorrow noon at 12:30 o'clock and to come prepared to eat a whole lot.

UNION LEADERS TO MEET WILSON

Meeting will be Held in Washington on February 23 to Discuss the

WAGE CONTROVERSY

Proposal is Made Public—Special Joint Commission to be Appointed

(United Press Service)
Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—At the request of President Wilson railroad union officials will meet here Feb. 23 to discuss wage conditions.

This was learned today when the white house made public the correspondence between President Wilson and union officials with regard to wage demands.

The union men today delivered their reply to the president.

"With a full realization of our responsibility," said their letter, "we have decided to submit to our constituencies the advisability of the creation of a special joint commission composed of an equal number of representatives selected by the railroad companies and the railroad labor organization signatory hereto by agreement and vested with full authority to deal with this particular controversy."

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson today is expected to make public his proposal for settlement of the railroad wage controversy which union leaders are understood to have decided to accept.

A letter prepared by the union leaders at meetings which continued all yesterday was ready for transmission to the white house early today. This letter will be made public with the president's statement to the union men, it is planned, indicating there is now no danger of a general strike of rail workers.

Although union men refuse to divulge the nature of the president's action in the controversy, it is understood, he told them plainly that it is not possible at this time for the railroad administration to grant their all wage demands for an immediate increase of 40 per cent. The president, however, outlined to the union leaders a course of action by which they may hope to better their condition at a future date.

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WILL ACT AT ONCE

Representatives of Foundry, General Electric and Local Committee to Meet

IN DECATUR SOON

Telephone Message Says Definite Proposition in Writing is on the Way.

Though no definite action has been taken concerning the locating here of the big foundry, the committee has been busy and it is expected that the deal will be closed within a few days.

A telephone message this morning gave the news that the plans are progressing satisfactorily and that a definite proposition in writing will be sent here at once. A meeting will be held here within the next week when representatives of the foundry company, the General Electric and local committeemen will arrange the details.

The new plant is expected to employ several hundred men and will be a great addition to the city. The option taken on the Alto building will expire March 1st so that any action taken must be within the next few days. The local committee in charge of the proposition includes C. S. Niblick, J. T. Myers and C. J. Lutz.

LID ON IN BERNE

Town is Placed Under a Quarantine on Account of Scarlet Fever

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

Are Closed—Have a Number of Cases—One Week Ban Declared

The town of Berne was placed under quarantine yesterday in view of the number of cases of scarlet fever and flu which seem to be spreading in that place and vicinity. The Berne Witness says:

"The schools of the city will go under a one-week quarantine at dismissal this afternoon and all religious services and public meetings are placed under a ban beginning Sunday, February 15. The ban on church services continue and includes Sunday, February 22. Such action was taken this morning when health authorities and school officials met and prohibited public gatherings because of a prevalent epidemic of scarlet fever and flu. The scarletina epidemic seems to be spreading and there are quite a few cases reported both in town and in the country. A few of these cases are of a serious nature and utmost precaution is to be taken to prevent a spread of the disease. It is also hoped that his quarantine will help to check the further spread of flu which is so prevalent everywhere."

MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

Marriage license was issued to Grover C. Shanks, 32, farmer, son of Alonzo Shanks and Mabel M. Bush, 26, daughter of Ezra Bush. Both have been married once before and both marriages were dissolved by divorce in 1917.

BANQUET MONDAY

Travelers will Gather for Annual Picnic—Plans and Arrangements Complete

DANCING TO FOLLOW

Meeting will be Held This Evening to Elect Officers for the Year

The plans are now complete for the annual banquet of the Travelers Protective Association, Post X, of this city, at the Masonic hall, next Monday evening. The banquet will be held at 6:30 and will be the usual enjoyable event it is the confident belief of those in charge. Besides the delicious menu prepared there will be a program of interest, with excellent music and other features. Following the banquet there will be dancing and a general good time. The expenses will be paid from the treasury. All members and their wives or sweethearts are cordially invited.

The business session of the T. P. A. will be held this evening at which time will occur the election of officers. T. M. Reid has been president of the order for many years and to the efforts of Mr. Reid and a few associates is due much of the success of the organization here. Mr. Reid has announced however that he is not a candidate for re-election and there is considerable speculation as to who will be chosen for the honor.

BIG GAME TONIGHT

Tonight at 8:30 the fast T. O. P. basket ball squad of Fort Wayne will meet the local Phi Delta Kappa team at the high school gym. The game promises to be the best of the season as neither team has been defeated recently. The T. O. P.'s last year were the city champions of Fort Wayne. They lost but one game last year that being to the Oswego World champs.

ARE STILL RAIDING

(United Press Service)
Paris, Ill., Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Twenty-eight revenue officers early today surrounded Jackson Hill, Indiana, a mining town east of here and caught thirteen alleged moonshiners red handed.

Twelve thousand gallons of whiskey and two hundred barrels of mash were confiscated. One forty gallon still was dynamited and the others taken to Clinton, Indiana.

K. OF C. MEETING MONDAY

The regular Knights of Columbus meeting will be held at the hall Monday evening at eight o'clock. Members urged to be present.

AGAIN DEFEATED

Hartford City, H. S. Huskies Invade Local Territory and are Captors of

AN EASY VICTORY

Final Score 34 to 11—Local Girls Win from Visitors by a 17 to 12 Score

The third and worst defeat of the season on their home floor was suffered by the local high school varsity boys team last evening in their clash in a return game with the fast Hartford City five.

The visitors headed by their coach, Homer Stonbreaker, arrived in this city late yesterday afternoon. Owing to the views of many of the fans, the Hartford City bunch is composed of some real men, several of them of better size than their famous coach.

When both teams came on the floor for practice, the locals looked like an Eighth grade team, the smallest man on the visitors five being somewhat larger than the locals biggest man, and how they seem to grow high school boys so big in other cities cannot be understood by the local fans. The Hartford City quintette is the largest and most active school team that ever visited this city, and no doubt will cut a fancy figure at the State tournament. They are from this district, and will take part in the district tournament March 5 and 6 to be held at Bluffton.

With the opening of the game things started off with a rush, the big huskies seeming not to be able to get any where. When the game had gone on for about five minutes without either side scoring, one of the visiting guards dropped the ball through the hoop from past the center of the floor and then things began to roll. The locals then shot a foul goal and made it but were not able to overcome the lead of the visitors, as the score at the end of the first half ended 13 to 7 in favor of Stonebreakers crew. The second half was a little more lively, the big huskies being able to pass the ball far above the locals reach, and dropped them in quite regular. The final score at the end of the game resulting 34 to 11 in favor of Hartford City.

During the entire game only one foul basket was registered by the locals this being made during the first half, and the rest of the points being made on fouls. Owing to the size of the visitors, the local boys put up a good scrap, but in many cases were unable to check the speed of the visitors.

The preliminary was played between the Decatur girls team and the Hartford City girls, and of course every fan knows who proved the victors. Both teams were evenly matched and a royal battle was staged, the locals winning from the visitors by a score of 17 to 12.

The Line up

Decatur 11	Hartford City 34
Kern	Towns
Myers	Forward
Linn	Forward
Teepie	Center
Baltzell	Guard
	Mannix, Worthen
	Guard
Field goals—Decatur 1; Hartford City, Towns, 6; Hoenhammer, 3; McGeath, 3; Dunbar, 1; Mannix, 1.	
Foul goals—Decatur, 9; Hartford City 6.	
The line up for Girls game	
Decatur 17	Hartford City 12
Butler M.	Forward
Butler L.	Forward
Parrish	Center
Kocker	Side Center
Swearingner	Guard
Peterson	Guard
	Anderson
Filed goals—Decatur, Butler M. 5; Butler L. 3; Hartford City, Harkins, 4; Waef, 2.	

Robert and David Heller, who have been ill for a week, are improving slowly.

RESULTS IN HIS RESIGNATION

President Wilson Accepts Resignation of Secretary of State Lansing

DIFFERENCE IS CAUSE

Lansing was Repremanded for Over Stepping Powers—Foreign Affairs

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Further disclosures were believed imminent today in the controversy between President Wilson and Robert Lansing, which resulted in the latter's resignation as secretary of state.

Although Wilson's announced reason for accepting Lansing's resignation was that the secretary had called and presided over cabinet meetings without authorization of the president, prolonged friction over conduct of foreign affairs led up to the final clash, according to the correspondence between Wilson and Lansing made public last night. The full story of this long continued conflict between the president and the secretary of state is expected to come to light during the next few days.

One of the first disclosures, it was learned today, probably will be making public the letter of resignation of Henry P. Fletcher, former ambassador to Mexico. This letter is understood to be a criticism of Wilson's policy toward Mexico.

Its contents have been withheld, nothing more than a hint as to its character being permitted to leak out since its submission some time ago. Fletcher is understood to have favored the attitude toward Mexico which Lansing took during the negotiations over imprisonment of William O. Jenkins, consular agent. This attitude was changed later, supposedly at the instance of the president and the exchange of notes with Mexico ceased.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Officials at Washington today were apparently bewildered by the sudden resignation of Secretary of State Robert L. Lansing at the request of President Wilson, who charged his ranking cabinet officer with trying to assume presidential prerogatives.

Not since the now famous resignation of William J. Bryan, Lansing's predecessor on the eve of the sending of a submarine note to Germany, has a break in the cabinet caused such discussion.

Talk of a congressional investigation at which the full story of the differences between Lansing and the President would aired, possibility of the resignation affecting the league of nations battle in the senate and the possibility of resignation of other cabinet officers, were some of the things discussed in private. Administration officials and congressmen however, avoided any public utterance until they have had more time to go into the resignation and events leading up to it.

The resignation of Lansing was announced at the state department late yesterday following an exchange of letters which passed between Lansing and his chief.

In the course of these letters the president charges that Lansing, by calling cabinet meetings during Wilson's illness, was virtually trying to assume presidential authority.

"This affair, Mr. Secretary," the president continues, "only depends a feeling that was growing upon me. While we were still in Paris, I felt, and have felt increasingly ever since, that you accepted my guidance and directions on all questions with regard, to which I had to instruct you, only with increasing reluctance, and since my return to Washington I have been struck by the number of matters in which you have apparently tried to forestall my judgment by formulating action and merely asking my approval when it was impossible for me to form an independent judgment because I had not had the opportunity to examine the circumstances with any degree of independence."

Discussion as to Lansing's successor today centered on Frank Polk, under secretary of state, who will be acting secretary until a new appointment is made.

Polk is known to be well liked by the president, who, at times has given slowly. (Continued on Page Three)