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## PAYS FOR GROUND WITH A NEW BILL

General Electric Company Sends Brand New One Dollar Bill in Payment FOR BUILDING SITE To Have it Framed—Deed has been Recorded—Letter from Mr. Hunting

A brand new one dollar bill bearing a facsimile of George Washington, and issued by the federal reserve bank of Chicago, together with letter from Mr. F. S. Hunting, general manager of the Fort Wayne General Electric Works, was received this morning by John H. Heller, trustee, in payment for the plot of land on which the General Electric company is now erecting their factory in this city. When the General Electric company declared its intentions of coming to Decatur, local citizens agreed to secure this ground for them in consideration of one dollar. This dollar bill doubt has more intrinsic value to the people of Decatur than any other dollar bill that has ever come to this city and it is the intention of Mr. Heller to have the bill, together with Hunting's letter, framed and then sent it to the Decatur Industrial Association. When the options for this ground were taken and later purchased the deeds were made to John Heller, who acted as trustees, and in turn deeded this plot of ground to General Electric company, which document was recorded a few days ago.

Mr. Hunting's letter is as follows:

"General Electric Company  
"Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 25.  
"Mr. John H. Heller, Decatur, Ind.  
"Dear Sir:—I enclose you here a one-dollar bill, same being the one dollar named in the deed of the Red Cross service fund, executed January 10, 1920, from yourself to the General Electric company, covering the unfortunate children at home, put plot of land in the city of Decatur into practice plans for mutual upon which we are erecting a new factory, participating in local activities. I trust as our business at Decatur teach citizenship and studying our coming to Decatur and bidding countries of Europe are all made part factory has been a distinct help to the objective of the Junior Red Cross mission. It is to bring happiness to little children the world over.  
"Yours very truly,  
"F. S. HUNTING.  
"Gen'l Manager Ft. Wayne Works  
"Enclo.  
"Decatur is justly proud of the dollar and we thank Mr. Hunting for his good wishes.

### WAS OPERATED ON

C. L. Meibers was taken to the Hope hospital, Fort Wayne, this morning where he was operated upon by Dr. D. D. Clark, of this city, and Dr. Kruse of that place. The operation was a serious one but reports from the hospital this afternoon were that Mr. Meibers was doing nicely. Mr. Meibers is the motor man on the Fort Wayne-Decatur traction line.

Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, of Preble, was taken to the Hope hospital this morning and placed under the care of Dr. Kruse. Dr. Grandstaff has been suffering from kidney trouble for some time and will remain at the hospital for several weeks during which time he will be treated.

### RIGHT ON THE JOB

Dr. Carlton B. McCullough of Indianapolis, candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, went to Evansville last evening, and will visit other points in the state before his return. This is his answer to rumors which have been placed in circulation that he is contemplating withdrawal from the contest. Dr. McCullough says he is in the contest to stay and will abundantly demonstrate this fact by his activities within the next few days. Dr. McCullough was an officer in the American expeditionary forces in France, made a most non-political address at the American Legion meeting at Shelbyville, Sunday—Indianapolis News.

### THE WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday except snow flurries to night in north and east portions.

### TO DESTROY GERMAN SHIPS

(United Press Service)  
Paris, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The council of ambassadors today decided that the excess German shipping which was not attributed to the entente powers, will be destroyed.

### FUNERAL SERVICE THURSDAY

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock for William Foreman at the home. Rev. Stone will officiate.

## HOUSE OF IDEAS

Convention of School Superintendents is a Clearing House for Ideas

### LOCAL MEN ATTEND

Supt. Worthman and Supt. Christen are in Cleveland Attending Event

School superintendents and all teachers from all parts of the country have found Cleveland the center of interest throughout the week, February 22-28, the occasion being the annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education Association. This convention which is being attended by Martin Worthmann, superintendent of the public school in this city, and E. S. Christen, county superintendent of schools, is a clearing house of ideas for school teachers of the country, more than eight thousand of them assembling for an interchange of views. Realizing the splendid program of the convention, the N. E. A. devoted two periods to discussion of Junior Red Cross in the schools. The peace-time program of the Red Cross provides a large place for the children of America. Its theory is that the ideals of the Red Cross service find quickest response in youngsters. Bringing cheerful electric company, covering the unfortunate children at home, put plot of land in the city of Decatur into practice plans for mutual upon which we are erecting a new factory, participating in local activities. I trust as our business at Decatur teach citizenship and studying our coming to Decatur and bidding countries of Europe are all made part factory has been a distinct help to the objective of the Junior Red Cross mission. It is to bring happiness to little children the world over.

Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman of the central committee of the American Red Cross, came on from Washington to discuss "The Work of the Red Cross in the Schools." Superintendent E. U. Graff, head of the Indianapolis schools, outlined Junior work in the city school. Miss Annie Webster, state superintendent of the Indiana schools, and the first woman elected to so important an office in a southern state, presented a scope of Junior work in the rural schools. Dr. John H. Finley, commissioner of education of New York, of the country's noted educators, presented an address to sections of the association daily Tuesday, when he appealed for an opportunity for child initiative as an outlet in genuine service.

though it has been but little more than two years since the Junior Red Cross was organized, it represents a membership of approximately fourteen million in nearly 8,000 schools throughout the United States. More than a million Ohio children in the city rural schools are participating in the work of this national organization which has turned from the provision of splints, canes and hospital equipment of war times to the provision of toys for distribution among needy children at home as well as a hundreds of little tots in Europe has actually forgotten how to cry who have never learned to shed sorrows of war. Manual training schools in all states in the United States are being sent to France and Italy for poverty stricken boys seeking again to set up their lives. The children of America are aiding in the maintenance of the children which dot Belgium from frontier to border where was once front line of the trenches which back the German hordes in France and the Balkans they are raising colonies of refugee children for in schools and institutions especially to this need.

Ally gaining and understanding (Continued on Page Four)

## CHECK FOR FIVE

"Duke" Stoops Sent Check for \$5.00 to S. E. Fordyce for the UNITED CHARITIES

Total of \$332.83 has now been Received—Thirty Calls Answered

Col. S. E. Fordyce, president of the United Charities organization, received a letter this morning from M. Mc. Stoops, better known in this city as "Duke" Stoops, proprietor of the Pike County Democrat, Petersburg, Indiana, in which Mr. Stoops enclosed a check for five dollars for the United Charities fund.

Mr. Stoops stated in his letter that he did not want the people of this community to forget that he was at one time a resident of this city, and that he still had a "warm spot" for Decatur, and that he was still one of the boys. The check was greatly appreciated and was turned over to the treasurer.

A total of \$332.83 has been donated to the United Charities fund and thirty calls for assistance have been answered since the new organization was effected.

### HELD FOR RANSOM

(United Press Service)  
Washington, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Mexican bandits have captured Barry Hogarty, an American superintendent of the American Metals Company Smelter and are holding him for ransom, the state department was advised today by the company.

## TO TALK IT OVER

War-like Preparations are Dropped at Iron River and a Peaceful CONFERENCE IS HELD

"Rum Revolt" Does Not Seem so Bad as Pictured—Troops There

(United Press Service)  
Iron River, Mich., Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Michigan's "rum revolt" collapsed today.

In place of bloody war between prohibition officers and county officials over alleged interferences in a prohibition inspector's seizure of evidence, there came a request for a conference between all concerned.

Acting on advice of his superiors at Washington, Major A. V. Dalrymple, prohibition commissioner for the central states, dropped his war-like preparations. Instead of arresting County Attorney M. S. McDonough, Dalrymple requested that official to accompany him to Grand Rapids, Mich., for a conference with District Attorney Myron H. Walker.

Dalrymple arrived here at midnight, accompanied by twelve of his men. He was met by a detachment of the state constabulary. His announced purpose was to arrest McDonough, five deputy sheriffs and the three Stalcucci brothers. McDonough, it was charged, prevented a prohibition inspector, Leo J. Grove, from retaining wine seized from the Stalcuccis. Federal warrants, refused yesterday, were to have charged conspiracy to defeat the prohibition law.

A telegram from Dalrymple's chief today advised him to "proceed very carefully and not involve justice." It advised he follow the suggestion of Attorney General Palmer for a conference at Grand Rapids where an attempt will be made at settlement before legal steps are taken.

Dalrymple's entire force consisted of 35 men. All were heavily armed. Before arrival here Dalrymple passed out extra ammunition. He said reports reaching him at Marquette indicated there might be serious trouble.

### INDIANAPOLIS MARKET

(United Press Service)  
Indianapolis, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hog receipts, 8,500; market 25 lower; best heavies, \$13.25@13.75; medium mixed, \$13.75@14.50; common choice, \$13.75@14.75; bulk sales, \$14@14.75; cattle receipts, 1,400, steady; steers, \$10@11; cows and heifers, \$5@11; sheep receipts 100; market steady; tops, \$9@9.50.

### MAY CAUSE A FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Appointment by President Wilson of Charles Crane, Chicago businessman as minister to China is expected to result in a bitter fight in the senate, where confirmation will be resisted by Senator Knox, it was learned today.

Although Knox refused to talk, it was reported at the capitol that Lodge and a number of prominent senators are ready to side with Knox in the fight against Crane, if he asks them to. The reasons for Knox's opposition to the appointment were not divulged.

### SUFFERING ENDS

Mrs. Rachael Stoneburner Died this Morning at Home of Daughter

### CANCER WAS CAUSE

Was Born in Adams County and was 61 Years of Age—Here Two Weeks

Following several years of suffering from cancer Mrs. Rachael Stoneburner passed away this morning at 9:15 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Adam Schafer. She had only been seriously ill for the past ten days. She had been making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Rackstraw, of Fort Wayne, and came to the home of her other daughter, Mrs. Schafer, only two weeks ago.

She was born in Adams county and was 61 years of age when she passed away. She spent her entire life near and in Decatur. In early womanhood she was united in marriage to Abraham Stoneburner, who still survives, besides four children, Mrs. Bertha Rackstraw of Fort Wayne, Tom Stoneburner, of Kendallville; and Mrs. Adam Schafer and I. B. Stoneburner, of this city.

Three sisters, Mrs. Chaney, of Plymouth, Ind.; Mrs. George Crist, of Kirkland township and Miss Mayme Johnson, of this city; and three brothers, Jacob Johnson, of Washington township, B. B. Johnson, Center, Kansas and A. S. Johnson, Kansas City.

Mrs. Stoneburner was a faithful member of the M. E. church and her death takes a kind mother and loving friend from her home and friends.

## TO OPEN STUDIO

Mrs. John Jackson, Formerly of Toledo, to Open Studio in This City

### IN OLD ERWIN STUDIO

Expert at Business — Mr. Jackson is Foreman at J. F. Arnold Yards

The studio which was formerly occupied by Frank Erwin is to be reopened in about two weeks by Mrs. John Jackson, of this city.

Mrs. and Mr. Jackson recently came to this city from Toledo, Ohio, and expect to make their home in this city. Mr. Jackson is foreman at the J. F. Arnold company's yards.

Mrs. Jackson has been in the photography work for a number of years doing amateur work and has been in business of her own for the past three years and expects to conduct the gallery herself. She does all kinds of high grade work and will have everything in readiness in about two weeks. She went to Fort Wayne today to obtain supplies for her work.

As soon as she has her studio completed she will appreciate your patronage and assures you of good work in all lines of photography.

### ABOUT THE SICK

Motorman C. L. Meibers, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. Anna Drompleman, went to Fort Wayne, where he will enter the Hope-Methodist hospital for an operation. He was operated on about two weeks ago and a second operation is necessary.

Robert Cole, son of Jesse Cole is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Jesse Singleton received word of the illness of Mrs. John Singleton, of Albion. She is suffering from pneumonia, following the flu.

## MAY INDICT HIM

Grand Jury is Investigating War Record of Champion Jack Dempsey

### TO REPORT FRIDAY

May be Charged with Evading the Draft Law—Divorced Wife Testified

(United Press Service)  
San Francisco, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Federal indictments charging Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion and his manager, Jack Kearns, with making false statements to war draft boards have been voted, federal attaches here declared today.

The report of the grand jury will be made Friday. Whether other indictments in the case will be reported, was not learned.

True bills said to have been voted against Dempsey and Kearns charge them with perjury themselves to obtain deferred war classification for Dempsey. It was stated.

Mrs. Maxine Dempsey, divorced wife of the champion, testified before the grand jury, court attaches said, that she received \$1,500 to make her recent statement retracting charges previously made against her former husband regarding war classification.

### CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service)  
Chicago, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Corn: Feb. \$1.45 1/4, Mar. \$1.43 1/2; May \$1.36; July, \$1.30 1/2. Oats: May, 80 1/2c; July 72 1/2c.

## IT NEEDS A BOOST

Foundry Fund is Short Fourteen Hundred Dollars—Canvass Still on

### COMMITTEES ARE OUT

And it is Hoped that by Monday Night the Necessary Amount is Secured

C. S. Niblick, treasurer of the Decatur Industrial Association, stated this afternoon that the total of the foundry fund was only \$3,661.00. This leaves a balance of \$1,339.00 to be raised, the necessary amount being \$5,000.00.

Of the \$3,661.00 reported by Mr. Niblick, \$2,886.00 is in cash and \$775.00 in pledges.

The different soliciting committees were continuing their canvass of the business houses and factory districts again today and intend to keep up the good work until the last dollar needed to make a round five thousand is secured. All of the committees have practically made one trip over their routes and it is hoped that by Monday night they will report a one hundred per cent canvass.

If you haven't given your share to the fund call the committee and hand them your check. You cannot afford to shirk now for every dollar you give you will receive hundreds in return.

Don't let them say that Decatur can't do things.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS

Emma Scheiman, administratrix of the estate of Henry Scheiman, filed a report of the sale of real estate in St. Joseph county, Indiana. She also reported the sale of real estate in Whitley county, Indiana. Deeds were ordered in both sales, reported and approved.

Osia Chrisman was authorized to invest funds now in hands in government bonds for the wards of Le Roy and Dollie Chrisman.

An appearance was made by Merriam & Sutton for the defendant, Eva E. Estell, et al., in the action of Eldora J. Butcher, et al. vs. Eva E. Estell, et al., on an action of partition.

### TO GIVE SOCIAL

The B. Y. P. U. society of the Baptist church will hold a social at the home of Mrs. John Chronister Friday evening. A mysterious lunch will be served. All are invited to come.

### COMFORT BROUGHT NEAT SUM

The comfort sold by the Mt. Pleasant Mite society at the Hosea Ray sale was bought by Ben Butler for \$14. A donation was made by the crowd which amounted to \$7.11 making a total of \$21.11. The society desires in this way to thank the auctioneer, Mr. Michand for his efforts put forth in selling the comfort and the crowd for their donation. They also wish to thank every lady who helped to make the comfort.

## HE MAY GO FREE

Allied Council is Inclined to Drop All Charges Against Former Kaiser

### VICTORY FOR DRYS

Attempted Offensive by Wets in the House was Blocked this Afternoon

London, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The council of premiers now is inclined to drop all its charges against the former kaiser even if Holland persists in her position of refusal to heed the allied suggestion that she banish William from Europe. It was learned authoritatively today.

The council yesterday discussed the former emperor, it was learned, and considered the attitude of the Dutch government.

At this morning's session the council parceled out the spheres of influence for the various allied powers in Turkey, it was learned. The council, it was said, virtually has decided that no Turkish territory will be annexed by any of the powers but that each shall be allotted its "sphere of economic domination."

Washington, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An attempted "wet" offensive was stopped short in the house today when the drys won complete victory.

An amendment to the legislative appropriation bill introduced by Representative Igou of Missouri, which would have repealed the Volstead prohibition enforcement law on July 1 was beaten 89 to 38.

Igou took the drive by surprise when he presented his proposal but they hurriedly marshalled their force adopted a cloture rule to shut off debate and then defeated the measure.

MANY TEACHERS RESIGN

(United Press Service)  
Cleveland, O., Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Figures presented at the National Education association convention here today showed that 140,000 teachers quit their schools during the past year. The compilation was made by 1,792 public school superintendents in 48 states. Hugh S. Magill, field secretary for the association and former state senator in Illinois warned against continuance of the exodus which he blamed on inadequate pay.

### AN ABLE MEMBER

(United Press Service)  
London, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Lady Nancy Astor today had established herself firmly as an able member of the house of commons, in the opinion of the press. Newspapers hailed her maiden speech, made last night during debate on the liquor control measure, as a "marvelous parliamentary debut" a "parliamentary triumph" and a "great personal success."

### ASQUITH IS ELECTED

(United Press Service)  
London, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Herbert Asquith, former premier has been elected to the house of commons from the Paisley district. It was officially announced today.

### WILSON'S REPLY RECEIVED

(United Press Service)  
London, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson's reply to the allies' communication in response to his recent Adriatic note was delivered to the council of premiers shortly after noon today.

The president's note, it was understood, deals exclusively with the Adriatic situation. The council immediately began discussion of the document, it was learned.

### NEW HOME RULE BILL

(United Press Service)  
Berlin, Feb. 24—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Ebert has accepted the request of Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance that he be suspended from his ministry until cleared of charges that he falsified his personal tax returns, it was learned today.

The president's decision, it was generally believed, marks the end of Erzberger's connection with the finance ministry. The under-secretary of state will assume the post.

### BANK ISSUES APPROVED

(Chicago Feb. 25)—Bonds for six improvement projects in South Side park were voted yesterday by large margin returns today indicated.

Chicago elected twenty six aldermen in the first non-partisan election yesterday. Nine wards will go to a supplemental election between the two high men April 6.

## SUCCESSOR TO LANSING NAMED

Bainbridge Colby, of New York, is Appointed Secretary of State

### WELL KNOWN LAWYER

Was a Former Progressive but Campaigned for Mr. Wilson in 1916.

(United Press Service)  
Washington, Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Bainbridge Colby has been appointed secretary of state to succeed Robert Lansing, it was announced at the white house today.

Colby is a lawyer. His home is in New York. He was born in St. Louis in 1869.

During the republican national convention of 1912 he was in charge of the contest to seat Roosevelt delegates. He was one of the founders of the progressive party and a delegate to its first convention.

During the war he was a commissioner of the federal shipping board and a member of the emergency fleet corporation. He was a member of the American mission to the inter-allied conference at Paris in 1917.

Colby campaigned for Woodrow Wilson in 1916 after the progressive party convention of that year endorsed Charles E. Hughes, the republican nominee.

Colby was one of a group of nine progressives who insisted upon the nomination of Col. Theodore Roosevelt by the progressives. After the nomination of Hughes by the republicans, Roosevelt wired the progressive convention urging that the former supreme court justice be endorsed. A resolution to this effect was introduced in the convention. Colby fought it vigorously, still demanding the nomination of Roosevelt. When the convention voted against him, he refused to accept Hughes and joined the democrats in support of Wilson.

Colby's appointment came as even more of a surprise than the resignation of Lansing at the request of President Wilson.

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### GLEANNERS TO HAVE PAPER

(United Press Service)  
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Gleaners, a national farmers organization with headquarters here, will begin the publication of a national newspaper soon, Grant Slocum, head of the order, announced today.

The new publication will retain the name of the Gleaner magazine which it succeeds. The Gleaner Forum. The editorial offices will be at the national headquarters here but the paper will be issued at Ann Arbor.

### ERZBERGER IS OUT

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### NEW HOME RULE BILL

(United Press Service)  
London, Feb. 25—Premier Lloyd George's bill outlining his plan for a new scheme for home rule in Ireland will be introduced in the house of commons this afternoon. There will be no debate and no comment, it was understood.

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