

## RAMSEY WOLFE OPERATED STILL

Sheriff Melchi and Marshal Reynolds Discover Source of the Liquor Supply

AT MOTHER'S HOME  
In Monroe Township—Refused to Plead in Mayor's Court Last Evening

Sheriff Sephus Melchi and Marshal Joel Reynolds yesterday afternoon drove to the home of Mrs. Emeline Wolfe, two miles south and two and one-half miles east of Monroe, where they unearthed a still said to have been used by Ramsey Wolfe, who has been arrested twice in this city on a charge of public intoxication, the last time on Wednesday afternoon, on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated, and for which he was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$35. He went to jail in default of payment.

Wolfe lives with his mother on a forty-acre tract of land, and for the past several months at different times had appeared in Decatur intoxicated, and would park his machine any place that seemed convenient and camp there for a day and a night.

When the officers appeared at the Wolfe home yesterday afternoon the mother was questioned regarding the son's manufacture of the home brew, and she told the officials he had made the "stuff" in the granary at the barn. The officers went to the granary, and there found the most perfect still yet brought in as evidence. It was constructed neatly and precisely so, that it could be made absolutely airtight, and the lid may be bolted down with stove bolts previous to the sealing with paraffine, instead of the crude way in which the others had been found. A "batch" of the mash was in the still, the liquor having been distilled a day or two before, and the operator had neglected to empty the refuse. In the haymow the officers discovered a barrel containing fifteen or twenty gallons of mash from which the "liquor" had been extracted. The still and a bucket full of the mash was brought to the jail to be used as evidence, as was also a little more than a quart of white mule, which had "dripped" from the still after Wolfe had come to Decatur.

When he was arrested here Wednesday afternoon, he had a gallon and a half of white mule in his car. Wolfe was taken from the jail to the mayor's court last evening, but refused to enter a plea. Prosecutor Lenhart will probably file charges in circuit court direct.

**MOONSHINER SENTENCED**  
Steve Miller, a Serbian, was fined \$200 and costs and sentenced to sixty days at the state penal farm by Judge Eberhart in the Huntington circuit court, after his plea of guilty to a charge of operating a still and manufacturing whiskey. Officials raided Miller's home near Roanoke, finding a still, several gallons of whiskey, and three barrels of mash.

**APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT**  
Washington, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Marine workers representatives breaking away from a conference with ship owners and Admiral Benson today went directly to the White House to ask President Harding to intervene and prevent a seaman strike.

The offer to let President Harding decide the whole wage and working condition disputes was dramatically made by Andrew Furuseth seaman leader after one proposition after another made by the seamen had been rejected by ship owners or Admiral Benson.

"We offered to put the whole question unreservedly up to the President and Marine unions will abide by his decision," Furuseth declared.

"We will not agree to arbitration by President Harding" was the immediate answer of the owner spokesmen.

Benson also rejected the arbitration proposal.

**THE WEATHER FORECAST**  
Indiana and Lower Michigan—Fair and continued cool tonight; probably light frost; Saturday fair with rising temperature.

Upper Michigan—Fair tonight and probably Saturday; somewhat warmer Saturday.

## DOODY'S CAREER ENDS

Chicago, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Willie Doody's career as a "hard guy" was over today.

Willie, 18, following his arrest, confessed he was the "master mind" of a band of criminals who have terrorized Chicago and vicinity.

"They were all 'men' about my age," said Willie.

Some of the crimes Willie takes "credit" for are:

The Fiasco hold-up of the Cicero, Ill., state bank. The \$12,000 robbery of the Summit state bank.

Shooting of a policeman.

Numerous hold-ups of gas filling stations.

## ATTEND FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cline at Monroeville for Funeral of Baby Shaffer

## DEATH IS A SHOCK

Family Lived at Warren, Ohio, But Were Moving to This County This Week

The remains of the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaffer, arrived over the Erie last evening from Warren, Ohio, where the child died and were taken to Monroeville where the funeral services were held today, with interment in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cline of this city attended, Mr. Shaffer being a nephew.

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## BIG CONVENTION

Preparations Are Being Made for the Fourteenth Annual Convention

## OF FEDERATED CLUBS

Will be Held at Portland—Local Women Are on the Program

Mrs. J. S. Peterson of this city is having the program printed for the fourteenth annual convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs which will be held at Portland on Tuesday, May 10th, at the West Walnut Church of Christ.

Mrs. Peterson is the eighth district president of the Federation of clubs and upon her rests much of the work and details pertaining to the conference. She is being ably assisted by the women of the different clubs in the district and the convention promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in the history of the federation.

A number of local people are on the program, including Mrs. John W. Tyndall, district secretary and treasurer who will make her regular report; Mrs. Faye Smith-Knapp, Adams county chairwoman who will tell of the activities of the club in this city and Mrs. L. A. Holthouse will give a two-minute talk on music.

Mrs. C. V. Connell is a member of the credentials committee, Mrs. P. B. Thomas is one of the judges of the merit flag, while Mrs. Robert Blackburn is on the membership committee.

Among the prominent women of the state who will speak at the convention are Mrs. C. E. Rumpel of Indianapolis, state president of the Federation of Clubs; Mrs. James P. Goodrich of Winchester, who has just returned from the Latin-American countries with her husband, Ex-governor James P. Goodrich, will speak on "Americanization," while Mrs. Ella Kehres of Anderson who attended the national meeting of the League of Women Voters at Cleveland will give a report of this meeting.

A number of the women from this city are planning on attending the convention.

## FOR THE VOTERS

"Guiding Principles for American Voters" by Augustus Lynch Mason, is a new book added to the public library. Perplexed by many problems of the day the thoughtful man and the newly-enfranchised woman are seeking information about the wise use of the ballot. Mr. Mason, a distinguished publicist, lawyer and author gives this information to the voters—especially the first voter, in concise and accurate but popular form. Ask for the book at the public library.

## FRANCE READY BUT MAY DELAY

Their March Into Ruhr District Until May 15th According to Dispatches

## FROM LONDON TODAY

Allies Hope President Harding May be Able to Secure Increased Offers

(By Ed L. Keen, United Press staff correspondent)

London, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Regardless of allied action on Germany's reparations proposals an invasion of the Ruhr probably will be delayed until May 15, it was learned here today.

France is prepared for the invasion, ready to act alone if the allies will give only their moral support, but is expected to wait a decision by the supreme council, which meets tomorrow.

Premier Briand, who was due here today for the council session, left his ministers prepared to act on any word from him.

American thought was expected to dominate the supreme council. It was believed that the Harding administration might make recommendations in regard to the German offer which would determine the council's final action.

Although both France and Great Britain officially condemned the German plan as unacceptable, the British still cling to the hope that the United States would obtain a better offer from Berlin.

Reports here and in Paris were that President Harding is endeavoring to have Germany submit a proposal for a larger indemnity and to make provisions clearer.

## LUTHER LEAGUE MEMBERS

All American Luther League members of the Zion Lutheran church are hereby urged to be present at a special meeting to be held immediately after the services Sunday, May 1, for the purpose of electing new officers for this year.

ALBERT SCHEUMAN, Chairman.

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## THE OLD OFFICERS

Elected by Missionary Society of the Salamonia Baptist Association

## IN CONVENTION HERE

Miss Thomasine Allen, Missionary to Japan, Gave Excellent Address

Many representatives from the Woman's Missionary societies throughout the Salamonia district of the Baptist conference were in Decatur yesterday attending the annual district conference. The morning and afternoon sessions were quite interesting, and there were 105 members who partook of the chicken dinner at the Evangelical church at noon.

The program started at 10 o'clock, with the song and devotional service conducted by the state president, Mrs. O. B. Sarber, of Gary. Following the devotionals Mrs. C. E. Bell in her address of welcome, made the visitors feel at home. Responses were made by representatives from all the societies represented. The morning session was given over chiefly to committee reports and routine business, and the appointment of committees.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. W. G. Everson had charge of the devotionals, and the nominating committee reported the selection of the same officials who served so capably last year. Mrs. J. E. Reynolds of Bluffton, is the president; Mrs. Frank Garrett, Liberty Center, vice president; Mrs. Louis Severin, Bluffton, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. E. B. Slack, Muncie, foreign secretary.

One of the features of the convention was the address at the afternoon session by Miss Thomasine Allen, a missionary from the Baptist church in Japan. Her talk of course was on the work in Japan, and the need of support from local societies.

The convention yesterday was the most successful ever held and the delegates attending and members of the local church are greatly enthused. Bluffton and Portland sent the largest delegations.

## HUGHES ALSO WRITING NOTES.

Washington, April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Secretary of State Hughes has sent another note to Panama that country refusal to accept the award of Chief Justice White on the boundary dispute with Costa Rica it was learned today at the state department.

In view of the repeated refusal of Panama to accept the White award the latest note of Hughes may be in the nature of a final ultimatum to bring Panama to terms it was believed.

The present Hughes note is understood to state finally the unequivocal position of the United States but Panama must accept the White decision and that this government stands back of the award with all necessary force.

## THE JUNIOR PLAY

"Green Stockings" Title of Farce Comedy to be Presented at the Gym

## AN EXCELLENT CAST

Seat Sale Assures a Full House—Miss Frisinger Drilled Characters

The three-act comedy, "Green Stockings," by the Junior class of the Decatur high school, will be staged this evening at the gym. The sale of tickets has been excellent, and a full house is assured. It is said the comedy is one of the best, and has been presented at different times in surrounding cities by home talent, and has been praised by all who have seen it. The characters have been carefully drilled by Miss Mary Frisinger, high school teacher. Harry Yahne and Harry Christy are the stage managers, and the public will not be disappointed in the performance this evening.

The play is a typical presentation of life in old England, and characters are typical Englishmen.

Remember, the curtain will raise promptly at 8 o'clock, and you better get your early and get your seat. The center seats are fifty cents and the side seats thirty-five.

## SHELBYVILLE LAD PINCHED

Shelbyville, Ind., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Russell Howard, 20, son of County Recorder Oscar Howard was arrested today on charge of stealing a registered mail pouch containing \$5,000 from the local post office where he is employed as a clerk.

Young Howard is alleged to have taken the mail pouch after closing hours Tuesday night. The \$5,000 was consigned by the farmers National bank of Shelbyville to the Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago.

A benefit dance will be given by the Latin club of the Decatur high school a week from Friday at the Masonic hall. Refreshments will be served and good music and a good time is promised every one who attends.

## THE BONUS BILL

Will Not Get Far in Present Session of Congress From the Outlook Now

## MONEY IS SCARCE

And Members Are Unable to Figure How They Can Raise It Without Taxes

(By Clarence DuBose, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, D. C., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The soldier bonus bill seems out of luck at this session of congress. Indications became clear today that the measure cannot pass for several months and even then it will mean little to the soldier who wants the cash. No revenue raising provisions are provided and the bonus couldn't be paid for lack of funds, even with the present bill enacted.

The plan now is not to make the bonus effective until June, 1922 and members are worried over how the necessary revenue is to be raised then.

The difficulty is that no member of either the house or senate has yet been able to propose a plan for raising the money—from \$1,500,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000—without also raising taxes.

## HUGHES' COURSE IN BIG CRISIS

Starts Today With Notes to the Principal Allies Urging Negotiations

## IN A FINAL EFFORT

Will Reply to Germany, Will Resume Representation and Keep Aloof

(By A. L. Bradford, United-Press staff correspondent)

Washington, D. C., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Secretary of State Hughes today may put into execution a course which he is understood to have decided tentatively upon for the United States to follow in the reparations crisis.

Despite the secrecy being observed, the possible courses for Hughes to take now have become fairly well defined in the minds of observers here.

The most drastic course is to make representations to France against the proposed occupation of the Ruhr, with the implied threat that American forces on the Rhine would be withdrawn if the French armies advanced. Other courses that this government may take are:

1. A note to all the principal powers, urging negotiations be opened at once in a final effort to settle the reparations problem.
2. A reply to Germany on that country's new proposals, stating this government had brought the proposals to the attention of the allied powers who had rejected the proffer.
3. Immediate resumption of American representation in the supreme allied council.
4. An aloof attitude by this government in which no positive action of any kind would be taken.

## HAVE BABY GIRL

Monica Joan is the name of the eleven-pound baby girl born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmitt, of South First street. Mother and babe are doing nicely, and of course Francis is all smiles today. Mrs. Schmitt was Miss Germaine Christen before her marriage.

## GETS DANDY FARM

J. F. Arnold of This City Exchanges Oil Pipe for 140 Acres of Land

## NEAR WARREN, IND.

Deal Also Includes Oil Lease and Three Wells—Pleased With Deal

J. F. Arnold, the oil man, has concluded another business deal and a very satisfactory one in which he secured the deed to one of the finest farms in central Indiana, located eight miles southwest of Warren. The deal was concluded yesterday through the Thad Clark real estate agency of Huntington, and by the terms Mr. Arnold becomes the owner of the E. E. Sowers farm near Warren.

Mr. Sowers is also an oil operator and about a year ago opened in the famous Catcreek field of Montana. He has a wonderful property there and was in need of a large amount of pipe and payment for the big farm of 140 acres, a ten-room house and large bank barns, was made entirely in pipe, shipped from the Oklahoma yards of the Arnold company.

The deal also includes a lease on 31 acres near Warren on which there are three producing oil wells. The transaction was closed within thirty days from the first inquiry was made and Mr. Arnold says he will hold the farm as it is one of the best he knows of in the state.

## SHORT HORN BREEDERS

A meeting will be held Saturday evening at the office of County Agent Busche in the interest of the Short Horn breeders of the county. Colonel Reppert of this city, Will Johnson of Fort Wayne, field man for the Short Horn World, and D. W. McMillen, of the McMillen company, also of Fort Wayne, will be present. All Short Horn breeders and others interested, are welcome to attend the meeting. President Otto Holle will preside at the meeting.

## CALUMET ADS START

Beginning Wednesday, May 3rd a large advertising schedule for the Calumet baking powder will be started in the Daily Democrat, in which the merits of this well known and largely advertised baking powder is put before the people. The messages contained in the ads are worth reading and no doubt the grocers will notice a decided increase in the sales of Calumet. The cooperation of the local grocers is asked and we feel that they will be benefited by this excellent advertising schedule. Calumet will appreciate it if the local grocers display this baking powder in their windows. Watch for the ads next week.

## NEW PASTOR HERE

Rev. J. K. Wyant, Sent by North Indiana Conference to Decatur Circuit

## READY FOR THE WORK

Succeeds Rev. Albright—Circuit Purchases Parsonage for Minister

Rev. J. W. Wyant, new pastor of the Decatur M. E. circuit, arrived the first of last week to take charge of his work here, and is now comfortably located in the new parsonage recently purchased by the churches of the circuit at 903 South Winchester street in this city. The property was purchased from Franklin Andrews.

The churches of the Decatur circuit (Continued on page five)

## AT FORT WAYNE

Regional Conference of the Red Cross Will be Held There on Monday

## ARE ON PROGRAM

Mrs. C. V. Connell and Guy Brown Will Give an Account of Work Here

The Regional Conference of the Northeastern Indiana American Red Cross Chapter, will meet Monday, May 2nd at Wolf and Desseurs Auditorium, Fort Wayne, Ind. A number of local people will attend the meeting and take part in the program which is as follows:

11 a. m.—Mr. Fred B. Shoaff, Chairman Fort Wayne Chapter presiding. The Health Center and what it means to the Community.—Miss Edna Grimes, chairman Elkhart chapter. Home service and county welfare work.—Mr. George L. Saunders, chairman Bluffton chapter. Red Cross activities at County fairs.—Mrs. C. V. Connell, chairman Decatur chapter.

Nursing activities, round table—Led by Rev. A. P. Bourne, Auburn. Allen county.—Mrs. Allen Hamilton, Elkhart chapter.—Mrs. J. E. Martin. Goshen chapter.—Mr. F. P. Abbott, Huntington county.—Miss Clara Kenoyer. Kosciusko county.—Rev. H. C. Hamilton.

Noble county.—Mr. Edmonds, Kendallville.—Dr. Keen, Logansport. Steuben county.—Dr. T. J. Creel. Wells county.—Mr. A. B. Huyette. Jay county.—Dr. A. C. Badders.

12:30 Luncheon—Wolf & Desseurs—subscription 80 cents. Followed by a demonstration of first aid, resuscitation and the use of the pulmotor by the Fort Wayne Boy Scouts under the direction of Scout Executive L. O. Wetzel.

2 p. m.—Roll call methods and publicity.—Mr. Frank J. Rahe, Fort Wayne Roll Call Manager 1920-1. Junior activities—in the schools.—Miss Dilla Stultz, Huntington. In the community.—Dr. Jesse Calvin, Fort Wayne. In chapter activities.—Mr. Guy Brown, Decatur.

Community Studies and Co-ordination of social service activities.—Mr. F. D. Preston, Fort Wayne. Disaster Relief—in epidemics.—Mr. A. A. Rasor, chairman Warsaw chapter. The importance of preparedness.—Mr. E. C. Miller, Fort Wayne. Production and Salvage.—Miss Virginia Wing—Lake Division headquarters.

Representation of chapters at Regional, Divisional and National meetings. Mr. Starr Cadwallader, manager Lake Division.

## LAMPE GUILTY SAYS THE JURY

Verdict of Manslaughter is Returned Against John Lampe at Van Wert

## HIS WIFE COLLAPSED

When Decision of Jurors Was Read—Judgment on Verdict Next Week

John Lampe was today found guilty of manslaughter by a jury at Van Wert, Ohio, Lampe having been charged with the killing of George DeCamp following a quarrel between the two men several months ago.

The penalty for manslaughter in Ohio is from one to twenty years. A great crowd was present in court when the verdict was read and despite the very bad weather, the people from the country, of the vicinity where the principals in the case lived and others interested completely filled the court room. Lampe was more composed today than usual, and was very calm when the jurors walked to their places and following the reading of the verdict. Mrs. Lampe collapsed, firmly believing her husband would be acquitted.

The court finished reading his instructions at 10:45 this morning and the jury retired. They spent an hour at lunch, and their verdict was reported at 1:45 this afternoon, reaching the verdict in a comparatively short time. The case occupied the attention of the court since a week ago last Monday. Under the laws of Ohio the attorneys for the defense have a day or two in which to ask for a new trial and it is not likely that the judge will render judgment until the middle of next week.

## NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE

The re-arrest of the \$10,000 damage suit of Joseph Sipe vs. Ames Reusser and Albert H. Macbeth comes up during the May term of the Jay circuit court, according to announcement from Portland last evening. This case was tried last month at Portland and the jury disagreed. Smith & Parrish are attorneys for the plaintiff. Sipe charges the physicians with malpractice.

Catherine Miller vs. Joseph D. Miller et al., partition. Appearance by Fruchte, & Litterer for Defendant James W. Miller. Rule to answer.

Joseph G. Miller et al. vs. Frank E. Miller. Rule to answer.

Charles Feichter vs. Charles L. Hyde, alienation of wife's affections. Cause set for trial May 19.

In the guardianship of Ida May Wyss, current report is filed by guardian. Report is examined and approved and the trust continued.

## DEEP WELL AT PORTLAND

Portland, Ind., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The Sub-trention Oil Mining company at Portland contracted today with Davis and Brackney of Centerville, Ohio, for the drilling of a deep well in the Jay county oil fields. The site has not yet been selected.

The Jay county fields are tested shallow fields and local oil men composing the Sub-trention company are following the theory that deep wells in shallow fields always proved successful.

It was agreed to sink the well to a depth of 4000 feet if necessary. Davis and Brackney will be paid \$13,600 for the drilling.

## A REGULAR MOVIE THRILLER

Indianapolis, Ind., April 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—A movie thriller was enacted in real life in the business section of Indianapolis today when policemen and fugitives staged a running gun battle.

The episode ended in the arrest of Terrell Brown, 20, who escaped from a jail. The other men were arrested at the house and by capturing the three police believed they have taken an important step in breaking up a narcotic ring which they say exists in Indianapolis. The other man gave the names of William Kinister and Ed Carson.

Brown was caught as he attempted to leave a hotel where he had taken refuge. A hotel detective tripped him as he dashed out of the door. Two ounces of morphine were confiscated in the raid.