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THIEVES IN JAIL; CAR IS RECOVERED

Deputy Sheriff Roy Baker
Fired on Running Thieves
Compelling Surrender

CAR IS BROKEN DOWN

East of Berne-Sheriff Melchi
Deputy Baker and Berne
Men Gave Chase.

An automobile, an Overland Model 90, was recovered and two automobile thieves, giving their names as Virgil Schaney, age twenty-two, and Orrie Conner, twenty-one years old, are in the Adams county jail, awaiting the arrival of the sheriff and owner of the car from Delaware, O., where the machine was stolen two days ago.

The recovery of the machine was accomplished, and the men arrested after they had had trouble near the Wildcat school house, east of Berne, and across the Ohio line in Mercer county Thursday afternoon. The two men had gone into Berne to get repairs for the car. They had no money and their actions aroused the suspicions of the men employed at the Schug & Metter garage, where they had attempted to get repairs, and had also offered to trade the car for a Ford, asking a \$10 cash consideration.

Marshal Beiler telephoned Sheriff Melchi and asked his advice as to holding the men. The sheriff asked him to hold them until he and Deputy Roy Baker could get to Berne, and the two officers started immediately. Arriving in Berne within twenty-five minutes it was discovered that the Berne marshal had permitted the men to go. Sheriff Melchi and Deputy Baker were told they had gone south, but a G. R. & I. conductor informed the officers that the two men were headed north, and were about two and one-half miles out of town, walking in the direction of Decatur. The officers, accompanied by Frank Kuntz, an employee of the chair factory, and David Hoffstetter, an employee of the Schug & Metter garage, drove to the road crossing three miles north of Berne, where they saw the men coming down the track. The officials got out of their machine, and the thieves turned and started back south, evidently believing they were being sought.

Mr. Melchi and Hoffstetter remained on the railroad right-of-way. Mr. Hoffstetter later running around by the way of a dirt road, while Baker and Kuntz drove the machine around to another cross roads to the south. The men were seen leaving the railway tracks, and go across a field towards a wood on the Nussbaum farm. Baker, who was nearest to them, started in pursuit and the two men started on a dead run, with Baker after them. He was not gaining on them very much, and as the two started to climb a fence, Baker yelled for them to stop. They did not do so, and the officer opened fire, from a distance of about two city blocks. The first shot did not serve its purpose, but the second and third came so close, they decided to throw up their hands. One of the men afterwards stated that the bullet from the second shot did not miss him over six inches.

After being taken into custody, the two men were brought to Decatur and placed in jail. On the way they told the officials they had stolen the car at Delaware, O., and had driven to Lima, Kenton, Cleveland and other places, and the machine had been running fine until the trouble east of Berne. An examination revealed that they had burned out a bearing in a front wheel. The machine was in excellent condition otherwise, and when the new bearing was put in, was driven to the Schug & Metter garage on its own power. A card found in the machine, bears the name of C. W. McKeehan, and this is written on a Kiwanis club luncheon card. Whether

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ROTARIANS HELD GOOD MEET

The Rotarians held their weekly luncheon meeting, Dr. Fred Patterson presiding and Charles Vogleson, acting as chairman of the weekly entertainment committee. Col. Fred Perdue, Dr. H. G. Hull and Col. Hull of the Reppert School of Auctioneering and Col. Fred Reppert made splendid talks on what was being done at the Reppert school.

A PARTY CAUCUS

Will Be Held by Republican
Leaders at White House
Saturday Night

TO FRAME PROGRAM

Will Discuss Soldiers' Bonus
Farmer's "Bloc" and
Other Questions.

By Raymond Clapper.

United Press Staff Correspondent Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—A group of congressional leaders will gather at the white house Saturday night to frame a legislative program under President Harding's guidance. This plan of action was agreed upon at a conference last night with Senator Lodge, majority leader, Senators Curtis, Watson and others.

President Harding agreed that the soldier bonus measure ought to be passed soon but he warned that a way of raising the money must be found.

Prompt action on the foreign debt refunding bill was asked by the President again.

Harding senses party danger in the activities of the Agricultural Bloc and this question is expected to come up at the conference tomorrow night. The warning against breaking up party alignments conveyed in his recent message to congress apparently has had little effect in taming the farmer spokesmen at either end of the capitol. Although the president has tried to compromise with the farmer bloc thus far, there are increasing signs that he is planning to exert stronger pressure to force party loyalty. He has balked flatly at the measure pending in congress which would compel him to appoint a farmer to the next vacancy on the federal reserve board. Although expressing an intention of making such an appointment he has sent word to the capitol that he will not take "orders" to this effect from congress.

Some of his difficulties arising out of the activities of the agricultural bloc probably will be straightened out at the agricultural conference late this month.

FROGS DEFEAT SNAKES.

The Root township Frogs defeated the Monmouth Snakes in a one-sided game staged at the Gerke school house, near Monmouth last evening. The score being kept on the school blackboard and as the score keeper ran out of marking space the official score could not be determined. Rudy Myers is the captain of the Snakes team and issues a challenge to any team in this section.

HAVE BABY GIRL

Joanne, is the name of the new nine pound girl baby born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McCrory, of South Fifth street. This is the third child and first girl in the family. Mrs. McCrory and babe are getting along nicely.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, rising temperature Saturday.

Lower Michigan: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, rising temperature Saturday, moderate variable winds becoming southerly.

Upper Michigan: Generally fair tonight and Saturday, rising temperature Saturday.

TO SELL ROADS

Felty, Bieberstine, Ray and
Broadbeck Roads Will Be
Sold Next Month

VIEWERS APPOINTED

On the Habegger, Myers and
Bruner Roads—Bridge
Specifications.

The board of county commissioners, Robert Schwartz, Ernst Conrad and B. F. Breiner met in special session this morning and allowed the petitions for the building of the John Felty road in Wabash township, the Abe Bieberstine road in French township, the Harry Ray road in St. Mary's township and the W. H. Broadbeck road in St. Mary's township, bids to be received for their construction on Tuesday, February 7th.

Viewers Are Appointed.

Viewers were appointed on three roads by the commissioners, they being, J. J. Habegger road, Blue Creek township, Viewers, C. C. Beer and William Baumgartner, the Fred Meyer road, Monroe and Gerke townships, Viewers, William Gerke, and Ernst Puelling, the Bruner road, Monroe and French townships, Viewers, Henry Barkley and Leo Kohne. The viewers will meet next week and make their report to the commission.

Reports Are Filed.

The quarterly and monthly reports of the county officials were filed and approved.

The Bridge Specifications.

Surveyor Dick Boch was ordered to prepare the plans and specifications for the building of four bridges in the different townships.

To Sell Cattle.

Harry P. LaFontaine, superintendent of the county infirmary was authorized to sell nine head of cattle belonging to the county.

CARP MEETS LEWIS

United Press Staff Correspondent London, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Georges Carpentier, light heavyweight champion of the world, has signed to meet Ted Kid Lewis here in March and will not go to America this spring. Jack McAuliffe former lightweight champion, has the French boxer's word that he will meet Lewis who has long sought a match, in London about March 15, for a 1,000 pound side bet and a purse.

TRIED TO STEAL CAR

While in Fort Wayne Wednesday, an attempt was made by thieves to steal the Buick car belonging to W. A. Fonner of Root township. The lock which is a Wayne auto lock, had been tampered with, and the car had been moved more than three lengths, and when the thief or thieves left, one of the doors was left open. Mr. Fonner had left his car standing across the street from the Pennell sherralty h tN asf redg iindahrdh Auto company office on Harrison street while he had gone in to get his 1922 license plates, which are issued from that station.

NAVAL TREATY COMPLETE

Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The new naval treaty, binding the five great sea powers to a limitation of naval armament and expressing the hope that the smaller nations will live up to its spirit, was virtually completed today by arms conference drafting experts.

The document was the first of its kind in the history of the world—probably will be given to the world at a plenary session of the conference next week.

BASKETBALL TOURNEYS

LaPorte, Ind., Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—A. L. Trester, of the Indiana high school athletic association today announced the list of Indiana cities where sectional basketball tournaments will be held prior to the district and state tourneys, as follows:
Anderson, Angola, Attica, Bedford, Bloomington, Brazil, Columbus, Crawfordsville, Decatur, Fort Wayne, Franklin, Green Castle, Huntington, Indianapolis, Kokomo, LaFayette, Lebanon, Logansport, Marion, Mooresville, New Castle, Owensville, Richmond, Rochester, Rushville, Scottsburg, South Bend, Union City, Valparaiso, Vincennes, Warsaw.

CLASS INITIATED

Fifteen men were given the rank of page by the Knights of Pythias lodge Thursday evening. The new officers will be installed next Thursday evening, the lodge opening at 7 o'clock. Following the installation, the rank of esquire will be given several candidates. Members are requested to note the change in the hour of opening the lodge for next Thursday evening.

MELLON IS SORRY FOR MILLIONAIRES

Points Out That a Thousand
and Eighty-Eight Would
have Saved Millions

BY 40 PERCENT. SURTAX

As Recommended by Ad-
ministration-Farm 'Bloc'
Members Feel Justified.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—One thousand and eighty-eight of the nations wealthiest people would have saved \$30,000,000 this year, if congress had heeded the administration's request and fixed the maximum surtax rate of forty instead of fifty percent., it was revealed today by secretary of the treasury Mellon in a letter to Representative Sweet, Iowa.

The figures, showing the big amounts a small number of people would have pocketed under the reduced surtax rates, were given on behalf of farm bloc leaders in the house, who fought for the higher rate and Sweet declared the secretary's revelations more than justify the opposition of the agricultural representatives during the tax fight.

The maximum surtax of fifty percent., applies to incomes above \$200,000 a year. The 1919 returns, Mellon said, showed 1,451 persons reported net incomes above that mark, but he estimated the number this year would be reduced to 1,088.

"The treasury estimates," Mellon wrote, "that for the calendar year, 1922, there will be 1,088 individuals with net incomes in excess of \$200,000 and a total net income of \$425,000,000. Under the revenue act of 1921 (with a fifty percent. surtax) these would be taxed as follows:

Normal tax, \$33,525,750.

Surtax, \$181,204,480.

Total income tax, \$144,730,480.

"Assuming the same total net income and applying a minimum surtax rate of forty percent., the tax would be as follows:

Normal tax, \$33,525,750.

Surtax, \$150,547,200.

Total tax, \$184,072,950.

Farm bloc members stated the Mellon letter was most significant and they plan to make wide use of it in justifying their stand for a higher surtax.

CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

United Press Staff Correspondent Chicago, Jan. 6.—Wheat: May, \$1.11 1/2; July \$1.09 1/2. Corn: May, 53 1/2; July 54 1/2 c. Oats: May 38 1/2; July 38 1/2.

THE COUNCIL MET

And Appropriated Money
for Paying of Past Due
Bills—Kraner Resigned

EICHER IS APPOINTED

Only Five Members of the
Board Were Present—All
Bills Are Paid.

Five of the seven members of the county council were present at the special session held this morning in the auditor's office, their official act being the appropriation of about \$7,500 for the paying of past due bills, the money in the various funds from which the bills are paid having been exhausted. Enough money was appropriated to pay every one of the bills carried over by the county commissioners.

Eicher Succeeds Kraner.

The resignation of John Kraner of Wabash township as a member of the county council was accepted and Chris Eicher was appointed to succeed him.

The Members Present.

The five members who were present at today's meeting were Henry Eiting, Frank McIntosh, Mathias Kirsch, William Baumgartner and Frank Wechter.

LOOKS LIKE NEW

Indiana Senator May Succeed
Hays as Postmaster
General is Report

GIVES NEW TURN

To Politics in This State and
Many Are Guessing on
His Successor.

(United Press Service). Washington, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Senator Harry S. New of Indiana may be named postmaster general if Will H. Hays resigns, close friends of President Harding said today.

Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Indiana politicians turned their eyes toward Washington today with an intense interest in any action that Postmaster General Hays may take on the offer asking him to become head of a motion picture syndicate at a salary exceeding \$100,000 a year.

It was reported that United States Senator Harry S. New may be urged by President Harding to take the mail portfolio in the cabinet, which would require Governor McCray to appoint New's successor in the senate. The appointee very likely would seek re-election at the expiration of New's term next year.

Senator New is now a candidate for re-election. If he is appointed to the cabinet, he will naturally be eliminated from the race. His elimination would throw down the bars.

It has been reported and denied that Former Senator Albert J. Beveridge will seek the senatorial toga. If Senator New goes out of the race, it was predicted he would enter it with all his strength on the feeling he would have a decided advantage.

Judge Arthur Robinson of the Marion county superior court, was already mentioned as a possible appointee to step into Senator New's shoes. He served in the army during the war and was a state senator from Indianapolis.

NEW STATE FAIR BUILDINGS

Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—A gigantic expansion of the state fair grounds was made possible today when the state board of agricultural agreed on a bond issue of \$1,000,000.

The money will be used to build a new cattle pen, a hog barn, another building virtually the same as the machinery hall, a new race horse barn, a new Purdue building to re-route the street car track entering the ground and move the sheep barns to the east side of the track.

Thomas Grant, of Lowell, president of the board, said the bonds would be awarded to the highest bidder, January 12th. He said several Indianapolis and Chicago financial institutions now considering the issue.

Architects are already working on the plans for the new building he said.

"Just as soon as we get the money the work will be started," Grant said. "The contracts will be let as soon as we can prepare for it probably by March 1st.

"All the new construction and remodeling will be completed by next spring in October. That's one reason why we are rushing the work.

ROUGH AGAIN WITH THE REDS

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Ed Roush, star outfielder, will play with Cincinnati Reds again for \$54,000, spread over three seasons. That was his word today, in commenting on rumors of his holdout.

RESIGNS BUT CHANGES MIND

Dublin, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Eamon de Valera, after presenting his resignation as president of the Irish republic to the Dail today, withdrew it, upon the condition that a vote be taken on the peace treaty with England tomorrow.

In his speech of resignation, which carried with it the dissolution of his ministry, De Valera declared that he would only remain at the head of Sinn Fein affairs as a "republic." Later, he agreed to remain as president, if a vote were taken tomorrow.

Earlier in the day the Dail had rejected De Valera's alternative proposal, which he submitted to take the place of the treaty signed at Downing street.

"I will never be a British subject," De Valera exclaimed, indicating his belief the treaty was about to be ratified.

BIG ONE FOR HAMMOND.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Jones and Laughlin Steel company is negotiating for one thousand acres of land in Hammond, Lake county, Ind., to be used as a future site for blast furnaces and steel works, it was announced today. "The purchase is contingent on certain things being done by the interests in Hammond," the statement said.

SLIGHT DECREASE

Is Shown in Value of Personal
Property at Adams
County Infirmary

A REPORT IS MADE

To County Commissioners
by Appraisers Chris Eich-
er and David Metler.

The report of the appraisers, appointed by the county commissioners to make an inventory of the property at the county infirmary shows that the personal property at the county institution has decreased in value during the past year, \$2,099.86. This is due to the fact that the market value of some of the property has decreased during the year. Two or three of the items in the inventory will show an increase, and the report is considered a very good one, considering the conditions existing over the country at this time.

The report states that there are thirty-four inmates at this time, and that condition generally at the infirmary are very good, and the superintendent, Harry P. LaFontaine, and Mrs. LaFontaine, are praised for the excellent manner in which they are caring for the property and also the inmates. The following figures give the result of the inventories for 1921 and 1922:

	1921	1922
Livestock	\$3,589.00	\$3,746.00
Grain, hay, etc.	3,554.25	2,088.00
Farming Implements	1,787.50	1,562.50
Produce and Supplies	1,329.56	1,747.65
Household Goods	1,584.10	1,391.70
Clothing	127.90	151.60
Miscellaneous	870.25	55.75
	\$12,842.56	\$10,743.70

INTERIOR CHANGES MADE

The trustees of the Adams County Hospital and Attorney Henry B. Heller and Architect Oscar Hoffman have returned from Indianapolis where they met with the members of the state board of charities and with the state health board members relative to the adopting of the plans for the Adams county hospital. The board approved of the exterior plans and made only a few changes in the interior plans and Architect Hoffman is busy now making the changes. Bids for the building of the hospital may be received next month.

KLEPPER KLOVER KLUB.

The Klepper Klover Klub which was organized some time ago, has been doing some strenuous practicing during the past few weeks. They have at present whipped a team into shape which will give any team in this section a hard battle. Such players as Yager and Peterson, last year high school stars are performing on opposite ends of the floor. Gay, former independent and high school guard has been hitting his old stride during the practice games they have had. Oliver, the best forward Monroe high school ever put on the floor, Striker and Mesel, a fast pair from Geneva's best high school team and Juday, also from Geneva, and at present playing the pivot position for the St. Paul Nationals make up the team.

On January 24th, the Oswego Globe Trotters, champions of the world will play the fast Decatur aggregation in this city. Next week the team goes to Celina.

Lloyd George Pleads for New Europe

Cannes, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Lloyd George's proposal for international economic action to rehabilitate Europe was unanimously accepted in principle by the supreme council here today.

The resolution introduced by the British premier includes negotiations with Russia.

"Dangers worse than bolshevism would result from pushing Germany too far towards bankruptcy," Lloyd George declared in his speech introducing the resolution.

In an hour long address, the

TOURNEY FIRST EVER HELD HERE

Basketball Meet is Warmly
Welcomed by Students
and Local Fans

DATE IS MARCH 3-4

One Hundred Seventy-five
Players Are Expected
to Take Part.

The news of the receiving of the district basketball tournament to be staged in this city on Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, was received with great rejoicing and was warmly welcomed by the entire high school body as well as the many fans throughout the city. This year marks the first big meet ever scheduled for this city and was obtained only through hard work of Superintendent Worthman and Principal Cline, who were backed by the Industrial Association and the Rotary club in their efforts to secure the tournament.

According to past records, it is expected that at least one hundred and seventy-five basketball players will take part in the tournament and between one thousand and twelve hundred high school students and fans will accompany the visiting teams to this city. In accordance with the securing of the tourney, the local high school authorities are requested to furnish housing and entertainment for the visiting teams. A meeting to this effect will be held tomorrow or Saturday by the local board and at which time arrangements will be made to make the tournament the best ever held in this district. The local high school body is also behind the movement one hundred percent, and have organized to leave nothing undone in welcoming the visitors and intend to show them that Decatur is a real town both in the line of athletics and otherwise.

The referees for the contest are to be picked by the state authorities, two officials to handle the entire schedule. The local board will pick the score keepers, time keepers and door keepers. The state authorities also govern the admission price to the tournament, they placing the price on the season tickets at \$1.50 and the single admissions at thirty-five cents, the season ticket admitting the holder to all games held throughout the tournament.

The local high school basketball team also feels jubilant over the securing of the tourney and as their chances for the district this season are better than ever this year and they will make a strong bid for the honors. The team has made a splendid showing so far this season and coach Moore states that they intend to keep up the good work from here on. Support the home team and help them win the district.

REMONSTRANCES FILED AGAINST TWO ROADS

Remonstrances against the building of the Shoemaker road in Wabash township, starting into town of Geneva and the Johnson road in Monroe were filed with the county commissioners today. About ninety people signed the remonstrance to the Shoemaker road, while 150 signed the remonstrance against the building of the Johnson road. The petitioners asked that the roads be built of concrete or be made a hard surface. Theodore Hendricks circulated the petition against the Shoemaker road while Julius Haug and Ed Bocknecht filed the one against the Johnson road. The commissioners carried the matter over until the February meeting of the board at which time it is expected that action will be taken.

More Roads Added to State System

United Press Staff Correspondent Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Governor McCray today tentatively approved the addition of 254 miles of roads to the state highway system, as submitted to him by members of the state highway commission.

The roads include the following: West Baden to Shoals, Fort Wayne to Auburn, Madison to Scottsburg, Angola to La Grange, to Goshen; Gentryville to Lincoln City to Leavenworth;

Brazil to Linton;

Nashville to Bloomington.

The commission has tentatively approved roads from Christy to Troy and from Marion to Wabash, contingent upon agreement by the counties through which the roads pass to co-operate in their construction.

Designation of roads as state highways means the state will undertake maintenance of them. Several other roads are being considered by the commission as part of the highway system.