

GARY OFFICIALS ARE FOUND GUILTY

SEVEN GERMANS KILLED BY FRENCH NEAR ESSEN

MANY WOUNDED BY FIRE FROM MACHINE GUNS

Germans Resist Attempt of French to Confiscate Automobiles

FRENCH SEIZE MONEY

Ten Billion Marks and Many Francs Seized While Transferred

(United Press Service) Berlin, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Seven Germans were killed and twenty wounded when French troops at the Krupp works near Essen turned machine guns on workers today, according to a special report to the Lokal Anzeiger.

The French were attempting to confiscate automobiles at the Krupp plant, according to the report, and the workers resisted. The troops opened fire, raking the ranks of the workers with machine gun bullets. French troops approached the Krupp works this morning under orders to seize automobiles stored there.

Sirens sounded and workmen dropping their tools, poured from the buildings, saying they could not permit the French to enter. The troops then placed machine guns in position, according to the report, and opened fire, killing seven and wounding twenty.

Mayence.—The French today seized 10 billion marks and 400,000 French francs which were being transferred from the Frankfurt fort branch of the Reichbank to Weisbaden.

This is the second largest seizure of German funds since occupation of the Ruhr began.

The confiscation is believed by Germans in the occupied area to constitute inauguration of further recredit measures by the invaders.

Today's seizure followed a decree by General DeGoutte that German workers in the occupied zones must obey French orders and go to work or be deported. There are more than 500,000 workers in the Ruhr alone.

Stricter curfew laws were imposed upon several towns in the Rhineland.

Berlin, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Eleven persons, including six Germans, were killed today in a crash of trains operated by French engineers in the Ruhr, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung's Gerolstein correspondent.

WEATHER MAN PROMISES FAIR AND NOT SO COLD

Although the weather man promises "fair and not so cold" it probably will be a little too chilly to parade in the new spring wraps on Easter Sunday and the majority of folks will find comfort around the family fireside. Special church services in keeping with the holy day, significant of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb, will be held in every church and the complete program of the service in the churches is published on another page of this paper. Attend these services and join with the community in celebrating the joyful feast of Easter and pay homage due your Creator and Savior.

CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

Wheat: May \$1.20½; July \$1.17½; Sept. \$1.15½. Corn: May 74½c; July 76½c; Sept. 77½c. Oats: May 45½c; July 45½c; Sept. 43½c.

Fine Meeting Held at Presbyterian Church

A very interesting meeting was held at the Presbyterian church last night. Communion services were held and twenty-one new members were taken into the church. A large crowd attended the meeting. An excellent program for Easter music has been prepared for the Vesper Services at this church Sunday afternoon.

FIGURES SALARY UNDER NEW LAW

County Recorder Makes Report First Time Since Salary Was Increased

Joseph McConnell, county recorder, made his quarterly report today and figures his salary for the first time under the new law passed by the last session of the state legislature, under which the recorder is given sixty per cent of all fees collected, over and above his regular salary, while the county gets the remaining forty per cent.

Previously the county received the large end of the division, but under the emergency clause attached to the measure when it was passed, the division now will be made for this quarter on all fees collected since the measure was signed by the governor early this month. Just how much it will increase the salary of the recorder has not been determined. This year has not seen a considerable amount of property transferred as compared with former years, it was said. Quarterly reports of all other officials at the court house were made this afternoon.

EASTER TO BE FAIR AND COLD

Little Change for Sunday Promised by Weather Man Today

(United Press Service) Chicago, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Cold but clear weather prevailed over the middle west today, with little change in sight for Easter.

The weather bureau forecast a slight moderation in temperature Sunday afternoon, but saw no material change in sight from conditions which drove the mercury down to 12 above zero Saturday morning, accompanied by a bitter northwest wind.

Ball Players Demand Seat on Commission

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Major league baseball players through their "union" today demanded representation on the national commission, the chief ruling body of the game. The commission is now composed of K. M. Landis, national commissioner; Ban Johnson, president of the American League and John Heydler, president of the National League.

The formal demand for representation of players on the commission, coming just before the opening of the 1923 season, was in the form of a "resolution" adopted by the National Baseball Players association. It was forwarded to the national commission today by Raymond J. Cannon, Milwaukee, attorney, and organizer of the union.

Thought for the Day. The man who lives up to his contract collects interest on his investment as long as he lives.



The famous American actress, Elsie Janis, whom James O'Donnell Bennett calls a "superlative American," has adopted little Jacques Lequet. The above photograph shows Elsie to the left, Baby Jacques, Mme. Lequet, with Elsie's mother at the extreme right.

MANY CLAIMS ARE ALLOWED

Court Allows Claims Against Frisinger and Bowen Estates Friday

A large number of claims against estates were allowed by Judge John C. Moran in the circuit court yesterday afternoon. The claims, which amounted to several thousand dollars, were against the estates of Alphonse M. Bowen and John M. Frisinger. The two estates were jointly liable to a number of the claimants.

The claims allowed against the Bowen estate, of which Susie R. Bowen is executrix, were: Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Geneva, \$5,391.40; The Willshire Bank company, \$1,150.64; Schafer Hardware company, \$259.09; Glen G. Gideon, \$1,744.34; First National Bank of Decatur, \$4,861.46; First National Bank of Decatur, \$13,488.40; First National Bank of Decatur, \$1,523.02; Joseph W. Smith \$1,623.60; Peoples State Bank of Berne, \$6,241.67. In the claims of Glen G. Gideon and the first one of the First National Bank the estate of John M. Frisinger is to be exhausted first in payment of the claims.

The claims allowed against the estate of John M. Frisinger, of which M. A. and John F. Frisinger are administrators, were: Old Adams County Bank of Decatur, \$860.36; Decatur Horse Sales company, \$231.36; Andrew Miller, \$994.47; Andrew Miller, \$2,701.33; First National Bank of Decatur, \$4,861.46; First National Bank of Decatur, \$13,488.40; The Willshire Bank company, \$1,150.64; Farmers and Merchants State Bank, \$5,391.40; Joseph W. Smith \$1,623.67. The above claim of the Willshire Bank company is to be paid out of the Frisinger and Bowen estates, jointly. In all claims the costs are to be paid by the estates.

FORT WAYNE MAY GET FEEBLE-MINDED SCHOOL

Fort Wayne, Mar. 31.—With the appointment yesterday by Governor Warren T. McCray of a commission of three to determine the practicability of abandoning the colony for the feeble-minded maintained by the state at Butlerville, of which word was received here last night, it became possible that a similar farm colony may be located near Fort Wayne. The members of the commission, it was learned are: B. E. Griffy, of Indianapolis; Orville R. Platter, of North Vernon, and William E. Springer, of Elizabethtown.

K. O. C. MEETING

Regular meeting Monday, April 2. The G. K. requests a good attendance to take care of business to come before the meeting.

The United States exports enough flour annually to make over 12,000,000 loaves of bread, or enough to feed 44,000,000 people for a year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Thomas Drew to John E. Teeter, lot 384 in Geneva, for \$525. Gustav H. Bleeke to Charley Thieme, 20 acres in Union township, for \$2,000. John Boner to LeRoy place, lot 26 in Pleasant Mills, for \$1. William B. and Lou S. Blackstone to George W. Lawrence, 125 acres in Wabash township. Frances S. Huffman et al to Frank Houghton, lot 360 in Geneva, for \$1,100.

SPELLING BEES WERE HELD IN COUNTY FRIDAY

Pupils in Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grades Were Contestants

SHOW MUCH INTEREST

Teams Were Selected to Represent Townships in Sectional Matches

Township spelling matches were held in the grade schools throughout the county yesterday with exception of Preble township, where the contest was held on Thursday. Interest in the matches was fine in every township. The contestants were the winners in the district matches held last week. Seven pupils and two alternates were selected for each team to represent the townships. One team will represent the fifth and sixth grades and the other will represent the seventh and eighth grades. These teams will enter the sectional matches to be held on April 13. The teams from the north half of the county will meet in Decatur and those from the south half will meet at Berne. The teams selected in the sectional matches will meet in Decatur for the final match on April 20.

Decatur High Schools

Harry Dailey, Jeanette Beery, Mary Catherine Schug, Mary Niblick, Edith Dager, Mildred Marchand and Charlotte Everette were the winners in the Decatur seventh and eighth grade spelling match held at the high school gymnasium Friday afternoon. The winners of the fifth and sixth grade contest, which was held at the Athletic hall on First street, were: Harold Strickler, Anna Elizabeth Winnes, Irene Andrews, Robert Schraluke, Mary Rhinehart, Blenn Fee and Isabelle McGill. Several hundred boys and girls took part in the contests and the spelling of words continued until only seven in each contest remained standing. These teams will participate in the sectional contest.

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WEATHER

INDIANA—Fair tonight and probably Sunday; rising temperature.

LYONS NOT TO QUIT HIS JOB

G. O. P. State Chairman Withdraws From Klan; Resignation Asked

(United Press Service) Brook, Ind., Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Lawrence Lyons will not resign as Republican state chairman in response to a demand from factions within the Indiana G. O. P. which followed his withdrawal from the Ku Klux Klan and his denunciation of "the invisible empire." Lyons said at his home here today he will retain the office of chairman and he expects the Republican state committee to take no action in the matter, which he considers a closed incident.

"Do you expect to step out of the chairmanship of the Republican party now?" Lyons was asked.

"No," he replied. "Some Republican newspapers and Republican leaders have come out with a demand that you resign," he was informed.

"No one can be responsible for what newspapers say," he said. Lyons said "that final judgment" of the people will exonerate him from blame either within the party ranks or within the Ku Klux Klan.

"I was led to believe I would be able to gain some particular advantage for the Republican organization and was urged by many people to join the Ku Klux Klan for this reason," he said.

"As soon as I realized the purpose of the Klan, I felt as a true American citizen I should have my name withdrawn from their records."

Easter Sunday Comes on April First for First Time Since 1888

Chicago, Mar. 31.—For the first time since 1888, Easter Sunday is to be observed in Christian countries throughout the world on April 1. A twist of the calendar left a gap of 35 years since that coincident occurred last, while the same thing is to happen again in 11 more years.

Fixing the date for Easter Sunday is determined by the rule that Easter shall be the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon. Easter, therefore, cannot be earlier in the year than March 22, as it must be on the first Sunday having a full moon after March 21. Likewise, Easter Sunday cannot come later in the year than April 25. Next year's Easter will be observed April 20, while only two years ago Easter came as early as March 27.

Christian nations observe the day, which is one of the oldest on the Christian calendar, as commemorative of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Elaborate religious ceremonies mark Easter Sunday in some countries, while in others it is observed with special services in all churches.

MANY ARE CONVICTED ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

Former Pastor Will Speak at Men's Meeting

The men of the Evangelical church have a treat in store for them on Monday evening at the regular meeting of the men's club. Rev. J. H. Rilling of Van Wert will be present and will give an interesting talk, to which meeting all men of the church are cordially invited.

TOWN OF BERNE HAS BIRTHDAY

Was Thirty-six Years Old Yesterday; Is Thriving Little City

The town of Berne was thirty six years old yesterday, the incorporation articles being dated March 30, 1887, though the first store was built there in 1871.

The first town trustees were Daniel Welty, J. F. Lehman and John C. Lehman; F. F. Mendenhall was clerk, David Bixler, treasurer; and John F. Lachot, marshal. The first town election was held May 2, 1887 and the board elected at that time included Harvey Harruff, Samuel Simson and John C. Lehman.

The town has grown from a population of 200 when incorporated to about ten times that number and is one of the solid little cities of Indiana with paved streets, electric lights, fine stores and manufacturing concerns, beautiful homes and high class citizens who believe in the Golden Rule and are a thrifty and honest people.

Mrs. Amos Fisher went to Fort Wayne to spend the day with relatives.

GIVE PLAY AT KIRKLAND H. S.

Junior Class to Present "A Cheerful Liar" on Saturday, April 7

A three-act play entitled "A Cheerful Liar" will be given by the Junior class of the Kirkland high school in the auditorium of the high school building in Kirkland township, at 8 o'clock next Saturday evening, April 7. The pupils taking part in the play are: Larwell Shady, Chester Byerly, Charles Yager, William Griffiths, Robert Sautbine, Hope Byerly, Alice Yaney and Mary McKean. The synopsis of the play is as follows:

Flora elopes with Randolph Dearborn. They are followed by her father, who wants Flora to marry a man of an aristocratic family. Since Randolph is a founding, Hessel, the Justice, offers for a consideration to deceive Boomer by providing parents. Hessel works Lueretta Spriggins, an old maid, and Rev. Ezra Stiggins to personate the parents, but Birdie Sweetlove denounces the conspiracy. Hessel thinks he has a chance to marry Flora himself. When he goes to Boomer's summer house, Flora disguises herself in her cousin Bill's clothes and tells her admirer that Flora is not at home. Hessel to play a joke on Randolph, proposes that Bill shall dress as Flora, and Hessel marries the supposed Bill to Randolph; so Flora and Randolph are legally married.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Menno E. Stauffer, salesman, Berne, age 37 years, to Huldah Helen Gillom, Berne age 30 years.

Victor Amacher, farmer, Decatur, route 6, age 27 years, to Bertha Feller, Monroe township, age 22 years.

MAYOR JOHNSON AND 54 OTHERS ARE CONVICTED

Jury Finds Them Guilty of Conspiring to Violate Prohibition Laws

SEVEN ARE ACQUITTED

Verdict Reached at 9:28 O'clock This Morning; Deliberated 16 Hours

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine forms the maximum penalty for conspiracy to violate national prohibition laws of which 55 officials and residents of Gary and Lake county were convicted in federal court today. The minimum sentence is one day in jail. There were four counts in the indictments however and the defendants could be sentenced the maximum on each count.

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Mayor Roswell Johnson of Gary and other officials of the Calumet steel region were convicted of conspiring to violate the national prohibition laws by a jury in federal court today.

Only seven of the sixty-two defendants were acquitted.

Those acquitted were minor defendants, all of the principal ones having been convicted by the jury which deliberated from 5:30 last night until 9:28 this morning.

Other officials found guilty included Sheriff William Olds, former Sheriff William Barnes, Prosecutor Dwight Kinder, former Prosecutor Clyde Hunter, City Judge William Dunn, and a number of policemen, constables and other officers of the law.

Those acquitted were: William Bussie, Charles Daugherty deputy sheriff; Joseph Delhart, Jr., a lawyer; George Flick, of Hobart; Clem Hentges, a deputy sheriff; Fred Rose, marshal of Hobart, and Lawrence Treagar, a marshal of Hobart.

The government obtained its convictions on a charge that the defendants conspired to collect weekly payments from violators of prohibition and disposed of confiscated whiskey for their own profit.

Johnson's Attorney, Speaks Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Immediately following conviction of Mayor Roswell Johnson of Gary in federal district court here today on charges of conspiring to violate federal prohibition laws, M. B. Lairy, attorney for Johnson, gave a statement exclusively to the United Press.

"Speaking for myself," said Lairy, "at the time of my employment and ever since I have felt that Mayor Johnson had made a good faithful effort to enforce the law against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in the town of Gary and that he was in no way collusion with any of the other defendants by which the law could in any way be violated or avoided."

"Naturally I am disappointed." Judge Geiger gave the defendants eight days in which to file motion for a new trial or stay of judgment. He will hear arguments April 20 on any motions that may be filed. He did not set a date for sentencing those found guilty.

The trial dragged through several days with the government relying mainly on the testimony of Philip Utkan, an attorney, and Dan Kelley.

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