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## JURY FINDS FRY GUILTY OF GRAND LARCENY CHARGE

Union Township Youth  
Convicted Of Participat-  
ing In Holdup

PENALTY IS 1-14 YEARS.

Sent To Jail To Await Sen-  
tence; Verdict Returned  
At 8:30 P. M.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, Judge Sutton fined Fry \$75 and costs, sentenced him to serve from one to fourteen years in the state reformatory and disfranchised him for a period of three years. The youth broke down and cried when he was sentenced and again declared that he was forced to take part in the holdup. Fry and McClester, who was returned here for the trial, will be taken to the reformatory soon by Sheriff Baker.

Edward Fry, 21, Union township youth, was found guilty of grand larceny in a verdict returned by a jury in the Adams circuit court at 8:30 o'clock last night. The jury deliberated for six hours in reaching a verdict. Following the reading of the verdict last night, Fry was ordered committed to the county jail, where he was locked up.

Sentence has not been passed in the case, but Prosecuting Attorney John T. Kelly, intimated that he would file a motion soon to have judgment passed on the verdict. The penalty for grand larceny is a sentence in the state reformatory of from one to fourteen years and a fine not exceeding the value of the goods stolen.

Fry was charged with taking part in the holdup and robbery of Homer P. Crum, storekeeper at Honduras, on July 26, 1924. Fry and Cleo McClester, 21, of this city, were jointly charged with the crime. McClester pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny more than four months ago and was sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in the reformatory. McClester was brought back here from the reformatory to testify for the state in Fry's trial. The affidavit on which Fry was tried charged grand larceny and robbery. The penalty for robbery is a sentence of from ten to twenty-one years.

Fry's trial started in circuit court before Judge Sutton and a jury last Friday morning. The state rested its case Friday evening and adjournment was taken until Monday morning. There was great interest in the trial and the court room was well filled with interested spectators through out the hearing of the case.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT IN LEG

Sherman Kunkle Painfully  
Injured In Butchering  
Accident Today

Sherman Kunkle, of Monmouth was painfully injured about 7 o'clock this morning when he accidentally shot himself in the right leg. This was butchering day at Sherman's, on the old Kunkle farm, and he had just finished killing two hogs and stuck his revolver, a 38 calibre automatic, in his hip pocket. As he removed his hand he gave the pistol a jerk and it exploded, sending a bullet crashing into the calf of his leg.

The bullet followed a course along the bone, a distance of about eight inches and came out just under the inscape on the inner side of the foot. Sherman was hurried to this city and taken to the office of his physician who dressed the wound and gave him a serum treatment to prevent tetanus or lockjaw which is considered the only danger in such cases. When the shoe was removed the bullet dropped out on the floor. The bullet entered just below the fleshy part of the leg and went almost straight down. It is believed he will get along alright.

## Chancellor Of University Of Kansas Is Reinstated

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)  
Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 14.—Dr. E. H. Lindley is back at his desk as chancellor of the University of Kansas this morning.

The chancellor was reinstated late yesterday by the state board of administration at Topeka after it had been asked to do so by Ben S. Paulen, Kansas' new governor.

## MASONS HOLD FINE MEETING

Wives And Families Attend  
Installation Ceremonies  
Last Night

The members of the Decatur Masonic lodge held one of the most interesting meetings held by the order, last night, when the wives and families of the Masons attended the joint installation ceremonies held for the newly elected officers of the Chapter and Blue lodge. Following the installation ceremonies a social hour was enjoyed.

The evening's program opened at 7 o'clock with the regular lodge meeting. At the close of the lodge meeting, the lodge room was thrown open and the wives and families of the Masons, Eastern Stars and their families took seats in the large room to watch the installation ceremonies. The officers of the Chapter were installed first. Cal E. Peterson was the installing officer and John Tyndall was the marshal. Following the installation of the Chapter officers, Mrs. Dan Tyndall sang a beautiful selection, accompanied by Mrs. Avon Burk, at the piano. The Blue Lodge officers were installed next. R. D. Myers was the installing officer and L. O. Porter was the marshal. Mrs. Tyndall sang another selection following the installation of the Blue lodge officers.

After the completion of the installation ceremonies, the only two surviving charter members of the Decatur Masonic lodge, Dr. C. S. Coverdale and Dr. R. W. Sholtz, were given seats at the front of the lodge hall. O. L. Vance, retiring Worshipful Master of the lodge, made an impressive presentation speech, presenting Dr. Coverdale and Dr. Sholtz, both beautiful, highly decorated pure masonic Masonic aprons, as gifts.

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## BOY ACQUITTED IN HAZING CASE

Hartford City Youth Found  
Not Guilty Of Man-  
slaughter Charge

Hartford City, Jan. 14.—William Duff, 18, a high school youth last night was acquitted by a jury in circuit court of manslaughter in connection with the death of Raymond Morris, 18, who died after a fist fight in which the two boys engaged last September as a result of an argument over high school hazing. The jury agreed on the eighth ballot.

The verdict was reached after two and a half hours of deliberation. The jury retired at 7 o'clock after receiving instructions of the court and the agreement on the verdict was reached shortly before 10 o'clock. The court was called in session to hear the verdict immediately after the jurors notified Judge Victor Simmons, who presided throughout the trial, that a verdict had been reached.

Manslaughter charges are still pending against Raymond Stump, Phillip Holden and Enoch Fuller, companions to Duff and Morris, who refereed the fight. It is believed the indictments, which were returned in October will not be pressed.

The case, which has been followed with intense interest owing to the prominence of the boys involved in the fight, began on Monday, January 5. Duff took the stand in his own defense and described the fight which led to the death of young Morris. He expressed regret over the outcome of the battle, but contended that he was forced into the fight to show his companions and the other boys in the crowd that gathered that he was not "yellow."

## UNDERWOOD PLAN WINS OVER JONES PLAN IN SENATE

Senate Passes Underwood  
Plan For Muscle Shoals  
Project

VOTE IS 46 TO 33

Plan Pulls Through Dead-  
lock Into Which Senate  
Had Fallen

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Washington, Jan. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — The Underwood plan of disposing of the big \$150,000,000 government power project at Muscle Shoals pulled through the senate deadlock today victorious over the Jones commission plan.

Washington, Jan. 14.—For the second time within the week the senate today adopted the Underwood plan for disposing of Muscle Shoals by private lease.

Only yesterday the senate went on record in two votes as favoring both government operation and reference of the whole problem to an expert commission.

The vote was 46 to 33. Senator Jones immediately reintroduced his commission plan, which was both passed and defeated yesterday. Leaders are unable to see the breaking of the circles of votes in which the senate has become entangled.

## "King Of The Ivorys" Bids Farewell Tonight

Harry M. Snodgrass, known to radio fans throughout the United States as the "king of the ivorys," will give his last concert over radio station WOS, Jefferson City, Missouri, this evening. Snodgrass, who has been a prisoner in the state penitentiary at Jefferson City and who has given a piano concert at station WOS every Monday night for many weeks, has been released from prison. He will make a short talk over the radio this evening, expressing his appreciation for the many gifts of every description that have been sent to him by his many admirers. His program this evening will start at 8 o'clock and many Decatur fans are planning to tune in on his program.

## Democrats Begin Plans For Next Campaign

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Washington, Jan. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The first move to "revive" the democratic party from its overwhelming defeat in the last election and discourage dissent among its members, was taken today by Representative William B. Oldfield of Arkansas, newly elected chairman of the democratic congressional campaign committee.

Oldfield was elected to head the congressional campaign committee and he initiated steps to build up a powerful campaign organization for the congressional elections in November 1926.

## Raw Oysters Put On Black List In Chicago

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Raw oysters were put on the black list here today. They were banned by order of Isaac N. Rawlins, state director of health, in the fight on typhoid fever, prevalent in Chicago and other parts of the state.

More than 120 cases of typhoid fever have been reported here during the past three months and most of them were caused by tainted oysters, according to Dr. Herman Bundesen, Chicago health commissioner.

Placards were placed in all public dining rooms, announcing raw oysters were not on sale. Consumers were warned to boil oysters at least 20 minutes.

## City Firemen To Have Chicken Supper Tonight

The Decatur Firemen will enjoy a chicken supper in the basement of the city hall on Monroe street this evening. The regular and volunteer firemen are invited and urged to attend. The dinner will be served at seven o'clock.

## Elected Vice-President Of National City Bank

Gordon Rentschler, president of the Hamilton Foundry and Machine company, of Hamilton, which owns the Decatur Casting company of this city, and well known here has been elected first vice-president of the National City Bank of New York City. The National City Bank is one of the largest banking institutions in the country and those who know Mr. Rentschler will vouch for his ability as one of the leading business men, in the country.

## NORMA BLEEKE DIED TUESDAY

Former Decatur Girl Died  
At Home In Fort Wayne  
Yesterday

Miss Norma Bleeker, age 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Bleeker of Fort Wayne, formerly of this city, died at two-thirty o'clock Tuesday afternoon, of tubercular meningitis, following an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock at the Bleeker home, 602 Meyer Avenue and at two o'clock from the Emmaus Lutheran church, Fort Wayne. Rev. Fred Wambegans officiating. Burial will be made in the Concordia cemetery.

Miss Bleeker was born in this county and lived in this city several years. Her father was clerk of Adams county for four years and the family resided in this city until about four years ago when they moved to Fort Wayne.

## Fire Department Has Run This Afternoon

The city fire department was called to the home of Mrs. Nade Haley, on Kekionga street at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, to extinguish a blaze that started beneath the stairway near the chimney. The fire was extinguished by the use of chemicals before much damage was done. The damage was estimated at between \$10 and \$15.

## ADAMS COUNTY MEN AT PURDUE

Several From This County  
Are Attending Agricul-  
tural Conference

Several Adams county farmers are attending the annual agricultural conference at Purdue University this week. The conference formerly was known as the farmers' short course. Many topics of interest to farmers are discussed and explained during the conference. Every phase of the farming business and homemaking is covered by the conference. There are meetings for both men and women.

A card was received by the Daily Democrat today from L. M. Busche, county agent, who is attending the conference. Mr. Busche stated that the attendance was large and that everyone was enjoying the conference greatly.

The following Adams county people are registered at the conference: L. M. Busche, county agent; Peter D. Schwartz, Simon M. Schwartz, Franklin C. Mazell, Enoch Habegger, Amos Steury and Oscar Sprunger, all of Berne; Roy Price, county cow tester; Leland Ripley, of Pleasant Mills; Clarence Spuller and Chauncey Clem, of Decatur.

## Recognizes Pictures Of Friends In The Daily Democrat; News In Pictures And Type

The fact that photos of many people who are known and are friends of Decatur and Adams county people appear in the columns of the Daily Democrat from day to day was demonstrated again today when Mrs. Peter Pearson, who resides at the north edge of the city, called the Daily Democrat office and stated that she was well acquainted with the people in the picture which appeared in the Daily Democrat advertisement on the back page of Monday's issue. The people in the picture reside in Illinois and they represent six generations.

## PAPERS SIGNED FOR PAYMENTS OF REPARATIONS

Agreement Whereby U. S.  
Shares In Payments  
Signed By Nations

U. S. CLAIMS UNLIMITED

Phrase Limiting American  
Claims Is Stricken Out  
Today

(By A. L. Bradford)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, Jan. 14.—Accords whereby the United States shares in the proceeds of the Dawes plan to collect reparations from Germany were signed at a plenary session of the conference of finance ministers today.

Twelve nations affixed signature to the protocol which comprises agreements on all outstanding reparations questions. Colonel James A. Logan, who, with Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg and Myron T. Herrick, represented the United States, announced at the last moment that the conference had agreed to strike out the phrase of the protocol which limited American war damages claims to \$350,000,000. Instructions from Washington were responsible for this change. American Charge d' Affaires Whithouse rushed into the conference hall and halted proceedings just before the signing.

The plenary session convened at 9:15 a. m. and by 10:50 a. m. the signatures were completed.

Three nations, Brazil, Rumania and Italy signed with reservation. Owing to the unusual early hour at which the conference began, many of the delegates struggled in unshaven and without having had breakfast. One Japanese delegate hurried in half an hour late.

Under the protocol signed today, the United States will receive 55,000,000 gold marks annually, starting Sept. 1, 1926, until the costs of the Rhine army have been paid. These payments will be in cash and will be priority payments, taking precedence over everything except fixed costs of the reparations work.

The protocol provided that American war claims shall be met in part from the Dawes annuities, the United States receiving probably 24 percent of the annual receipts for the next fifty years.

While the participation of the United States in these receipts naturally cuts down the share of some of the allies, every one is satisfied because it brings America into a partnership with an interest in seeing that the Dawes plan works out effectively.

## Wreck Victims Continue To Show Improvement

A slight improvement was reported again today in the conditions of Mrs. Robert Chronister, Mrs. Frank Baker and son, Walter, who were seriously injured Sunday morning when a Pennsylvania passenger train struck the automobile in which they were riding at the Adams street crossing in this city. Funeral services for Thomas Baker, age 9, who was killed in the crash, were held from the St. Mary's Catholic church at 9 o'clock this morning. Burial was made in the St. Joseph Catholic cemetery.

## Weather

Fair tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness. Not much change in temperature.

## Foster Bill To Stop Fishing Through Ice

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—(United Press)—A bill to prohibit fishing through the ice in Indiana lakes and streams is being fostered by the Fish and Game division of the state department of conservation. The bill is being pushed by John A. Funk, of Liberty Center, who was urging introduction of such a bill in the house.

## PASTOR SPEAKS ON PROHIBITION

Rev. Loose Talks At Meet-  
ing Of W.C.T.U. Held  
Tuesday Afternoon

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held a very helpful and enthusiastic meeting in the Library Auditorium Tuesday afternoon. It was the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the eighteenth amendment to our constitution. Rev. R. W. Loose, pastor of the First Evangelical Church, gave an inspiring address with words of encouragement to persevere in the work to have the law enforced, when so much has been accomplished in the short time of five years, when its enemy the outlawed liquor traffic was entrenched in every avenue of life in this country since its foundation. He expressed his belief that when this law reaches its maturity of twenty-one years, it will be the best enforced law on the statute books. Rev. Loose said in part:

"Its enemies are working over time to have it repealed or nullified, because they claim it can never be enforced. Why don't they include the law against murder and stealing? Are they not broken more generally? Shame on such American citizens to claim this rich Christian government can't enforce its own Constitution, but must let the liquor traffic take possession again; to destroy its people for their money again. We rejoice at the good report of our city police over the New Year celebration, no arrests, empty jail. Compare these conditions with the time when twenty-two saloons were here, and a Mayor's court was held every Monday morning to take care of the jail."

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## MONROE FARMERS INSTITUTE FEB. 4

Prizes Offered For Exhibits  
Of Corn And Pastries;  
Good Speakers

The Monroe Farmers Institute will be held at Monroe, February 4, according to Chairman Jess Rupert, who reported some of the plans today. Good, substantial prizes will be given both men and boys who enter either 10-ear or single ear samples of yellow corn in the shows to be held in connection with the institute. Farm women and girls are also advised that the time is ripe to hunt up the old cook-book and review the recipes for baking bread, doughnuts, cakes and other palatable products of the farm kitchen which will be included in the premium list.

The Monroe institute will be held in the Monroe school building. A morning and afternoon sessions Mr. V. V. Clark and Mrs. Milton Fordice will address the audiences on subjects of interest and offer instruction which will be valued.

An evening session of a popular nature will be held, plans being made to have district schools near Monroe compete in a program contest. Much interest is already centering in this particular feature.

The corn show has been opened to any farmer or farm boy in Adams county. Boys under eighteen will show in the junior class. Corn shall have been grown in 1924, by the farmer or his boy showing it. Several prizes will be given for the best ten ears and the best single ear. Yellow corn only is eligible, since the showing of practically no white corn in previous years has made this ruling advisable.

Complete premium lists of both corn and domestic science shows will be announced shortly as will also the names of members of the various committees which will be in charge of various parts of the institute.

## IMPORTANT BILLS ARE INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

Co-Operative Marketing Bill  
And Bill To Regulate  
Motor Busses

OTHERS INTRODUCED

Varied List Of Measures  
Introduced For Consideration Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Two of the most important measures to come before the present session of the legislature were introduced today.

The co-operative marketing bill drafted by the Indiana farm bureau federation for state authorization of co-operative marketing association for farm products was introduced in both houses.

Senator Moorehead, of Indianapolis, introduced an administration bill to place regulation of motor busses in the hands of the state public service commission.

Recommendation that the state regulate buses through the public service commission was made by Governor Jackson in message to the legislature yesterday.

This co-operative marketing bill has been redrafted to eliminate the unconstitutional features which resulted in its veto by Governor McCray in 1923 according to Senator Lindley, of Kingman, chairman of the senate agriculture committee who sponsored it in the senate. Representatives Hull and Murden introduced the bill in the house.

It provides for the organization of non-profit making co-operative associations by eleven or more residents of the state or marketing all kinds of agricultural products.

The companies would be permitted to borrow money without limitation as to the amount of corporate indebtedness or liability to make advances to members.

Senator Barker introduced an administration bill providing for the revaluation of real estate this year instead of next.

A bill to give school credit for week day religious education was introduced by Senator Dickerman. The measure would permit pupils to take two hours each week from their school work for religious training outside the schools. It was introduced to parry a plan sponsored measure to require teaching the Bible in public schools.

Stringent penalties for drivers of

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## NATIONAL BANK HOLDS ELECTION

Old Directors And Officers  
Re-Elected; Dividend  
Declared

No change was made in the board of directors and officers of the First National Bank of the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors held in this city yesterday. The old directors were re-elected, they being, P. W. Smith, of Richmond, chairman of board; C. A. Dugan, W. A. Kaelber, J. W. Vizard, Daniel Sprang, Theodore Hoberk and Dynois Schmitt.

The directors met last evening and re-elected the old officers, namely, C. A. Dugan, president; W. A. Kaelber, vice-president; J. W. Vizard, vice-president; T. F. Grainger, cashier, and R. E. Glendening, assistant cashier. The bank enjoyed a good year and it was shown from the annual report that the deposits had increased more than \$72,000 over the previous year. The usual good dividend was declared.

The First National Bank was first organized at the Decatur National Bank in 1883. In 1903, with the granting of a new charter, its name was changed to the First National Bank and in 1924, a 99-year charter was granted to the bank by the national government. It has a paid up capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$20,000. It is one of the strongest financial institutions in the county.