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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.

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## 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.

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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 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 Simons, who presided throughout the trial, that a verdict had been reached.

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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.

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 instep 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.

Manslaughter charges are still pending against Raymond Stump, Phillip Holden and Enoch Fuller, companions to Duff and Morris, who referred 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 Ivories"  
Bids Farewell Tonight

Harry M. Snodgrass, known to radio fans throughout the United States as the "king of the ivories," 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.

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

## 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.

UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

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Miss Norma Bleke, age 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Bleke 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 Bleke home, 602 Meyer Avenue and at two o'clock from the Emmaus Lutheran church, Fort Wayne, Rev. Fred Wamborgas officiating. Burial will be made in the Concordia cemetery.

Miss Bleke was born in this country 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 Hale, 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.

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## 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 our 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 2 1/4 per cent. 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.

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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.

Part of them reside in Martingale,