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FOUR ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ROBBERY

Quartet Taken Into Custody
For Burglarizing Appleman
Restaurant

ALL PLEAD NOT GUILTY
Charges Of Burglary And
Malicious Trespass Filed
Against Them

Williams, Railing and Brothers withdrew their pleas of not guilty to the charge of malicious trespass this afternoon and entered pleas of guilty. They were fined \$10 and costs and sentenced to the state penal farm for three months. The sentence was suspended in each case. The charge of burglary was dismissed as to Williams, Railing and Brothers. Titus has pleaded not guilty to both charges and announces that he will fight the charges. He was released at noon today after providing bond in the sum of \$1,100. He claims that he sat in the automobile while the store was entered.

Four arrests were made late yesterday afternoon in connection with the robbery of the Appleman restaurant on West Monroe street, on December 13. Those arrested were Lawrence Williams, 32, Wesley Titus, 19; Cletus Railing, 18; and Darrell Brothers, 17. Titus resides in Kirkland township, and the other three live in this city.

The men were arraigned in circuit court before Judge Sutton this morning. Each entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of malicious trespass. A charge of burglary has been filed against them, also, and Williams pleaded not guilty to that charge. The other three have entered no plea to the burglary charge. The bond of each was fixed at \$100 in the malicious trespass case and \$1,000 in the burglary case.

Railing and Brothers were arrested first, their arrest being made by Night Policeman Sepus Melchi, who has been working on the case since the robbery occurred. They were locked in jail and affidavits charging burglary were filed in the circuit court. Judge Sutton issued warrants for the arrest of Williams and Titus, and Sheriff Baker, accompanied by Officer Melchi, drove to Kirkland township and arrested Titus. Williams was placed under arrest by Sheriff Baker and Officer Melchi later in the afternoon.

All four were taken into court late yesterday afternoon and arraigned on the burglary charge. Williams pleaded not guilty, but the other three did not enter pleas yesterday.

When arrested, Railing, Brothers and Titus all confessed to the charge, it is said, and implicated Williams. They said they were riding with Williams in his car on the night of the robbery. They said they all became intoxicated on "white mule," which Williams had in his car, and that they were so drunk that they did not know what they were doing. Brothers and Titus claim that they sat in the car while Williams and Railing broke the glass from the front door of the restaurant and entered the building. Little was taken from the restaurant, but the plate glass in the front door was valued at \$15.

Two pieces of a large knife blade were found in the door to the restaurant when Officer Melchi made an investigation early the next morning. The officer learned the name of the manufacturer of the knife by putting the two pieces of the blade together and then learned where the knife was sold and to whom. Railing and Brothers left the city two days after the restaurant was broken into and did not return to their homes here until last Saturday. The restaurant was broken into once since December 13, but the four arrested yesterday all deny any part in the last affair. The Maier Hide & Fur company was entered on the same night that the restaurant was entered the last time and more than a hundred dollars worth of furs were stolen.

Attorney C. L. Walters has been retained as counsel by Brothers and Titus. He appeared for them in court this morning.

Rotary Clubs Holds Interesting Meeting

An interesting program was given at the regular meeting of the Rotarians held last evening. Co. Reppert acted as chairman of the meeting and called on several of the boys for a two minute speech, including Will Klepper, who gave his in German. Nearly every Rotarian is planning to go to South Bend on February 23 and 24 to attend the state conference of Rotary clubs.

TO HOLD "WIN MY CHUM WEEK"

United Brethren Church To
Hold Special Services
Next Week

The Christian Endeavor society of the United Brethren church will observe "Win My Friend" week beginning next Sunday and continuing throughout the week, with appropriate services. Meetings will be held every night except Saturday night.

There will be a leader for each night chosen from among the young people who will direct the program along the line of the topic for that day followed with an address by some speaker secured for the occasion. The meetings will be evangelistic in character.

All the churches and young people of the city are invited to attend the services.

Zurber Gives Bond For Release From Jail Today

Cash bond in the sum of \$2,000 was given this morning by Hugo Zurber for his release from the county jail, where he had been held since Wednesday night on a charge of assault with criminal intent. Zurber is charged with attacking two small school girls near Monmouth about eighteen months ago. He has entered a plea of not guilty and his case will likely come up for trial during the February term of court.

Senate Votes To Take Up Postal Bill Thursday

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate today voted 55 to 10 to take up the Moses postal salaries and rate increase bill next Thursday, indicating overwhelming sentiment in favor of the measure.

NEW COLD WAVE IS IN PROSPECT

Illinois, Indiana, And Kentucky Due To Have Lower Temperature

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Chicago, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A new cold snap is in prospect over Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and northern Kentucky tonight and Saturday, the United States weather bureau here announced today.

Snowfall, varying in extent over the area, will accompany the lower temperatures, the bureau indicated.

Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri will feel the effects of the cold wave but it will not be so pronounced in these states, the bureau's statement said. Snow is falling over the Chicago area today.

Mrs. Henry Heller Is Painfully Hurt In Fall

Mrs. Henry B. Heller was painfully injured in a fall last evening and is a patient at the Adams County Memorial hospital, where she was taken immediately. She was leaving the Tyndall home, Third and Jefferson streets, about six o'clock and just as she stepped from the last of the concrete steps, she slipped and fell. It is believed she hit the steps in the fall and her back was so badly injured that she could not move. She was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, where an examination disclosed the injury was just at the left of the back bone in the small of the back. She had a restless night, but was some easier this morning and is believed to be getting along alright.

CLASS OF 36 GRADUATED AT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Complete Work In Grades;
Enter High School Next
Monday

HOLD CLASS PARTY

Principal Walter Krick Welcomes New Pupils Into High School

Thirty-six pupils of the Central school have completed their grade school work and will begin their studies in the Decatur high school next Monday morning, which marks the opening of the second semester. The list of those finishing the eighth grade work was announced today by W. Guy Brown, principal of the Central school.

The pupils who will begin their high school work Monday morning are: Josephine Archbold, Isabel Cloud, Charlotte Elzey, Delores Elzey, Dorothy Haley, Isabel Hower, Josephine Jaberg, Marian Parrish, Ireta Shackley, Gertrude Terms, Ralph Butler, Louis Butcher, John W. Beery, Thurman Elzey, Robert Heller, Everett Sheets, John Engle, Thora Archbold, Mary Ault, Robert Passwater, Waukena Click, Catherine Eady, Marguerite Flingland, Lucile Gay, Helen Gerber, Dorothy Johnston, Margaret Kern, Isabel Peterson, John D. Aber, Vacilla Clifton, Robert Cole, Harry Dailey, James Gilbert, Glen Hilyard, Walter Kiess, and Joe Krick.

While the Central school loses thirty-six pupils at the opening of the second semester, thirty-four new ones will take up their studies at the Central building for the first time. The north ward school sends fifteen new pupils to Central, the Riley building sends ten and the south ward building sends nine. The enrollment of the thirty-six new pupils will increase the high school attendance to about 270.

The Central school pupils who will enter high school next Monday held a party at the Central building last night. Their teachers and Walter Krick, principal of the high school, attended the party, also. A pot-luck supper was served at 6 o'clock. The supper consisted of sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, pickles, ice cream and cake. The teachers did the serving. Delores Falk and Josephine Archbold had charge of the evening's entertainment. Mr. Brown made a short talk in which he officially turned the thirty-six graduates over to Mr. Krick. Mr. Krick gave a talk in which he welcomed the new pupils to the high school. The remainder of the evening was spent in games.

Legislators Put Ban On Anonymous Literature

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—Anonymous literature favoring or encouraging legislative measures was under the ban in the house of representatives today.

A motion of Representative Harris of Gary, was adopted yesterday prohibiting such literature from the chamber.

"If persons are interested in bills before the legislature and want to air their views they should come out in the open," Harris said in presenting the motion.

"The kind of influence that wants to work in the dark is not the kind that should make itself felt here."

Chicago Millionaire Divorces His Wife

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Chicago, Jan. 16.—Theodore Dickinson, millionaire president of the Marquette Cement company, has obtained a divorce from the wife he married 45 years ago.

Dickinson, well over sixty, surprised his business associates and Mrs. Dickinson's friends by the action. Desertion was the ground for the suit. Dickinson testifying his wife had decided to live most of the year at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Mrs. Dickinson receives \$500,000 in cash and securities as alimony.

Would Put Teachers On Civil Service Basis

Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A bill to put public school teachers of the state on a service basis and to make the educational system more stable was introduced in the senate today by Senator Sims, of Terre Haute.

Under the bill teachers would be on a probationary basis for three years, subject to dismissal only after conviction on charges submitted to the school board in writing at a public hearing.

GOSPEL CHORUS WILL SING HERE

Men's Chorus Of Thirty
Voices To Appear At
Evangelical Church

A Men's Chorus of thirty voices from the Fort Wayne Bible Training School will render a sacred concert at the Evangelical church of this city next Sunday evening at seven o'clock. This chorus, which is under the able leadership of Professor C. A. Gerber, teacher of voice in the school, has been giving a number of sacred concerts in Fort Wayne and surrounding territory and everywhere has received highest commendation and appreciation. The purpose of the Chorus is to build up a positive Gospel message in song such as well be the equivalent of a strong evangelistic program. They sing nothing but Gospel songs. The public is cordially invited to this service. The evening's offering will go to the chorus. Following is the program:

Piano Prelude, Selected—Miss Rosina M. Ramseyer
Chorus (a) Come with Adoration, Lorenz; (b) Have You Such A Friend, Wilson.
Boy's Quartet, That Sweet Story of Old.
Chorus (a) The Same Old Way, Morris; (b) Redeemed, Townner.
Solo, Selected—C. A. Gerber
Chorus (a) Win Them One by One, Miles; (b) My Mother's Old Bible Is True, Geibel.
Missionary Men's Quartet, Selected.
Chorus (a) Sweeter as the Years Go By, Miles; (b) Motto: I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus, Lorenz
Offertory
Chorus (a) My Soul Sings Hallelujah, Harris; (b) Because I know, Lorenz.
Boy's Quartet, Serving Jesus, Gerber
Chorus (a) On the King's Highway, Creswell; (b) The Blessing In My Soul, Miles.
Benediction.

VERA CRUZ MAN IS ACQUITTED

Sam Gehring Found Not
Guilty Of Malicious
Trespass Yesterday

Bluffton, Jan. 16.—After deliberating for only ten minutes, a jury in the Wells circuit court late yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the state vs. Sam Gehring, of Vera Cruz, who was charged with malicious trespass. Two ballots were taken by the jury, the vote standing 11-1 for acquittal on the first ballot.

Mr. Gehring was alleged to have participated in the act of vandalism on the night of Oct. 31, 1924 in which the front window of the Weterick store at Vera Cruz was broken by a rock, which was thrown by some one in a party of men of which Mr. Gehring is alleged to have been a member. Harry Heche, also of Vera Cruz, was tried on like charge in the circuit court on Dec. 9 and was found guilty. The jury in the Heche case was out about 10 hours and finally returned a verdict of guilty and assessed a fine of \$30 and costs.

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

Wheat: May \$1.85; July \$1.59 1/2;
Sept. \$1.48 1/2. Corn: May \$1.33 1/2;
July \$1.34; Sept. \$1.34. Oats: May, 61c; July 61c; Sept. 59 1/2c.

Weather

Indiana: Rain, sleet or snow to night and probably Saturday morning. Colder.

TWENTY-ONE GET DIPLOMAS FROM AUCTION SCHOOL

Semi-Annual Commencement
Of Reppert School
Held This Morning

BANQUET TONIGHT

Graduates Decide To Hold
Farewell Banquet Here
This Evening

Twenty-one more auctioneers stepped forth today into the world as salesmen with the stamp of approval from the Reppert School of Auctioneering. Diplomas were given to twenty-one students at the semi-annual commencement exercises of the Auction School this morning. The graduating class had as its motto, "Efficiency." The work of the mid-winter term closed yesterday evening.

The graduates decided to hold a banquet this evening to have a final good time together before they depart for their homes in the many different states of the Union. The term just closed was one of the most successful and the class was one of the finest ones in the history of the school. The diplomas were given out this morning, at the school room in the Niblick building, corner of Second and Monroe streets, by Col. Fred Reppert, president and founder of the school. The names of the graduates are: H. Earl Wright, Centerburg, Ohio; William Vilhauer, Tyndall, South Dakota Rt. 3; Charles W. Poling, Piqua, Ohio, Rt. 3; Stafford Wimberley, Kearney, Nebraska; R. L. Compton, Wilmington, Ohio; Floyd Vaughn, Allen, Nebraska; Clarence J. Meyers, Petersburg, Michigan; Mark Bottema, 2277 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana; Henry E. Piepho, Dyer, Indiana; Urban Hemmelsarn, Burkettsville, Ohio; Robert C. Smith, Seymour, Illinois, in care of B. F. Harris Farms; G. A. Busch, Orleans, Nebraska; J. M. Bergquist, Central City, Nebraska; Bert Hanson, Williamsburg, Iowa; Earl O'Brien, Elwood, Illinois; Arrie R. Hayes, Salt Lake, Utah; Everett L. Stevens, Loraine, Illinois; Neil E. Nelson, Westby, Wisconsin; Otto H. Kowenhorst, Orange City, Iowa; Elmer Studer, Austin, Minnesota; and Louis Egensperger, 523 South Broadway, Dayton, Ohio.

During the operation of prohibition the decreased arrests for drunkenness have numbered 500,000 annually. There have been 250,000 fewer industrial accidents. A decreased mortality rate has developed which adds three years to the average human life. The 275 drink cures of licenses days have dwindled to 27. Lowering drink-caused poverty is saving \$74,000,000 annually. Prohibition has closed many orphanages and crowded the colleges and schools. It has doubled the number of investors and made it possible to save \$30,000,000 out of the daily wage of \$200,000,000. With nearly 16,000,000 automobiles on roads, we must choose between

Two Men Burned To Death In Explosion

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Two men were burned to death here today in a fire caused by an explosion of chemicals which razed the Frank S. Lewis varnish plant.

The dead: Frank Larda, 35, night watchman. Henry Watson, 29, employee. Twenty men were at work when the explosion occurred. Several are still missing. A salvage crew is combing the debris for more bodies. Damage estimated by company officials at \$50,000 was caused by the explosion, which is believed to have originated in a store room used for keeping highly inflammable chemicals.

Six Miners Killed In Explosion In Kentucky

Providence, Ky., Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Bodies of six miners killed in an explosion at Diamond mine Number One here late Tuesday were found and removed from the mine today.

The explosion occurred shortly after the regular crew of 125 miners had left for their homes.

Alexander Cavins Becomes District Attorney Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Alexander G. Cavins, formerly special assistant U. S. district attorney, was sworn in as district attorney today immediately after Judge Anderson received word from Attorney General Stone that his resignation of Homer Elliott as district attorney had been accepted. Cavins will serve until Elliott's successor is named. Elliott is taking up the practice of law.

McCleater And Fry Are Taken To Reformatory

Sheriff John Baker took Cleo McCleater and Elwood Fry to the state reformatory at Pendleton yesterday, where the two youths will serve sentences of from one to fourteen years for holding up and robbing Homer P. Crum, storekeeper at Honduras, on July 26, 1924. McCleater has served more than four months of his sentence, but was brought back here to testify in Fry's trial.

PROHIBITION IS FIVE YEARS OLD

Author Of Eighteenth
Amendment Discusses
Law's Progress

(By Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas. Author of the eighteenth amendment. Written for the United Press.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—January 16 marks five years of national prohibition. In every national election since nationwide prohibition went into effect, the people has signified their approval of prohibition by increasing the dry majority in both house and senate.

The congress has evidently reflected accurately public sentiment of the nation in adoption, first, of the national prohibition to enforce the eighteenth amendment, then the supplemental, prohibition act to strengthen it, the appropriations to sustain the prohibition enforcement department, a measure to rehabilitate the coast guard and support it in its efforts to prevent rum smuggling, the concentration warehouse measure. Legislation is now pending to put prohibition agents under civil service and co-ordinate enforcement activities. This legislation has passed the house by a large majority and is now before the senate.

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ANOTHER ARMS PARLEY PLANNED

President Coolidge Decides
To Call Another Conference Soon

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Coolidge has decided to call another Washington arms conference early in the new administration. The world-wide tendency to lapse into competitive arming, non-ratification of some of the first Washington Conference treaties and America's low rank as a third rate power in naval cruiser strength, caused his decision.

The president is even less disposed than the retiring secretary of state, Mr. Hughes, to participate in the league of nations arms conference next spring and has decided to call one here instead. Great Britain and Japan are said to have agreed informally to this.

The date cannot be set until Mr. Coolidge decides whether there is to be an extra session of congress as it is not held desirable for the two to meet concurrently.

Probably, however, the conference call will go out in the spring for the meeting in the summer or autumn.

Coolidge Signs Indiana Federal Judship Bill

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 16.—President Coolidge today signed the Indiana federal judgeship bill which provides for two federal district judges in that state.

STRICT "BLUE LAW" SOUGHT IN A NEW MEASURE

State Representative From
Columbia City Introduces Measure

KLAN BILL INTRODUCE

Compulsory Reading Of
Bible In Schools Asked
In New Bill

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16.—Stringent "blue law" for Indiana was sought in a bill introduced in the state legislature today by Representative Kissinger, of Columbia City.

At the same time what is supposed to be one of the first of the Ku Klux Klan measures was introduced by Senator Sims, of Terre Haute. The bill provides for the compulsory reading of the Bible in the public schools.

Twelve bills were introduced in the house of representatives and seven in the senate.

The Kissinger bill would require all motion picture shows, theaters, pool rooms, bowling alleys, dance halls, saloons or other amusement places to close on Sunday and would assess a heavy fine for its violators.

The Bible bill would revoke the license of teachers refusing to read the Bible and penalize school officials heavily for violation of the provision of the measure. The bill would not require pupils to read the Bible if parents or guardians object.

A bill to establish a two-mile state levy to encourage reforestation and broadening provisions of the law permitting tax exemption on forest land were introduced in the house by Representative Lafuze, of Liberty, Indiana.

The duties of attendants officers throughout the state would be given to the police and township trustees under a bill introduced by Representative Christy, of Christy.

After bitter debate which took up the greater portion of the morning session the Indiana senate today voted to amend the senate rules as reported by the rules committee to allow reconsideration of measures indefinitely postponed by a vote of 23 to 21.

Senator Saunders, of Bluffton, was applauded when he declared the minority never was more serious than at this session and that it intended to have a hand in every matter.

Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Dry forces won their first victory in the present session of the state legislature today.

A favorable committee report was made to the senate on the bill introduced by Senator English of Indianapolis to provide more stringent penalties for drunken auto drivers.

The English bill would fix a penalty on drunken drivers of a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment of from 30 days to six months for the first offense and one to five years imprisonment for the second offense.

Favorable action of the house morals committee on Representative Duncan's "bone dry" prohibition bill was also expected today or early next week.

The senate committee on banks and banking reported favorably on the bill sponsored by the Indiana Bankers' association to strengthen and codify state banking laws.

Bill Would Designate Dec. 11 As "Indiana Day"

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—December eleventh will be designated as "Indiana Day" throughout the state if a bill introduced in the senate by Senator English of Indianapolis becomes a law.

While the bill does not provide that the day be set aside as a holiday, it would require observance of the day in all schools of the state on proclamation of the governor.

McClure To Publish New Magazine Soon

New York, Jan. 16.—A new McClure's Magazine, with Samuel S. McClure as editor, will make its appearance April 1, having the welfare of children as its primary motive. Louis E. Myers, of Valparaiso, Ind., will be associated with McClure.