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COOLIDGE WARNS AGAINST MILITARISM

WINTER STRIKES MIDWEST; SNOW IN SEVERAL STATES

Cold North Winds Blowing
Across Entire Chicago
Forecast Area

TEMPERATURES TAKE BIG DROP

UNITED PRESS SERVICE
Chicago, Oct. 6 — Winter
came to the midwest today.

Snow and sleet fell on portions of Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio and Minnesota.

Stockmen heeded the warning of the weather man and began moving their cattle off the open range.

Cold north winds were blowing down across the entire Chicago forecast area. Two inches of snow fell at Ainsworth, Nebraska. The temperature dropped to 27 degrees.

Snow and sleet began falling at dawn in Sioux City, Ia., melting as it struck the earth. Snow flurries were reported from Crookston, Minnesota, and St. Paul and Minneapolis shivered in temperatures of 21 degrees.

Alleged Murderers Break Jail In Winnipeg, Canada

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 6.—(United Press)—Five prisoners, two of whom were awaiting trial on murder charges, escaped from the provincial jail early this morning. They sawed the bars, slugged a guard and made a clean getaway.

One of the prisoners, John Stanton, awaiting trial for the murder of John Penny of Winnipeg, had been brought to this city from Greencastle prison farm, Indiana, where he was identified while serving a vagrancy term under the name of John Baker.

Members of Stanton's underworld gang here are blamed for engineering the jail break.

D. H. S. ALUMNI TO MEET DEC. 28

Home-coming And Banquet To Be Held During Christmas Vacation

The Alumni of the Decatur high school will meet in a general homecoming here on December 28, according to plans now being worked out by Superintendent M. F. Worthman, Principal Walter Krick and Ralph Tyn dall. Invitations will be sent to every graduate of the school now living and it is expected and hoped that the event will be a most delightful one as well as an inspiration for good for the school, manifesting an outside interest which has been somewhat lacking during recent years.

Banquet To Be Given.

A committee from the Alumni membership will be named to assist in working out the program and carrying on the big event. The day will close with a banquet in the school gym, given by the domestic science class, according to tentative arrangements. It is probable that one member from each class will be named to take the responsibility of notifying personally or by letter the memberships of that class, and it is hoped the affair will arouse sufficient interest that similar events can be held from year to year.

First Class Graduated in 1881.

The first class of the high school was graduated June 16, 1881, and the story of the intervening forty-four years, with the progress in the school, will be of much interest. Since that date more than five hundred have received diplomas and have taken their place in the world. The Decatur High School Home-coming and Banquet should prove a popular success. If you are an Alumnus of the school, you are asked to assist in making this the biggest occasion in the history of the local house of learning. Further details will be published from time to time as progress is made in the plans.

Appeals To Legion To Aid Colonel Mitchell

Washington, Oct. 6.—(United Press)—An appeal to the American Legion convention to aid in defending Colonel William Mitchell in court-martial proceedings brought against him for insubordination was made today by Representative Frank Reed, Republican, of Illinois, head of Mitchell's civilian counsel.

In a telegram to the legion convention in Omaha, which is host today to President Coolidge, Reed urged the American Legion to appoint a committee of lawyers to assist Mitchell in the military trial.

Reed also asked the legion to supply witnesses and certain evidence which he said is now possessed.

TRAINING SCHOOL INTEREST GROWS

New Students Enroll For Work Of First Semester; Meets Each Monday

Increasing interest was manifested in the Community Standard Training school, which held its weekly meeting at the Central school building last night. New students are enrolling each week and at present the school membership has exceeded expectations.

The various classes are in the form of discussions and lectures and are of great educational value. The first classes begin at 7:15 o'clock each Monday night. This hour of study is followed by a short chapel and devotional period and then the second and final class hour begins.

All phases of the Bible and Christian religion are taken up in the school and students, between the ages of 16 and 65, are enjoying the work. Business men from the different phases of life and ministers are on the faculty and each instructor has made a special work and study of his class.

Enrollment Still Open.
The students are made to think more of the Bible and the Christian religion, and are taught how to teach others. Students may still enroll in the school next Monday night. There will be nine more meetings for the first semester's work and then, after a short vacation, the second semester will begin.

Sunday school teachers, superintendents and all others interested in the courses are invited to attend the meetings. Several young men of Decatur and Adams county have entered the school and already have registered approval and appreciation of the school. This year, it is estimated that there are as many young people in the school as there are older persons.

PYTHIANS ELECT GRAND OFFICERS

Nathan J. Lane Succeeds Dore B. Erwin, Decatur, As Grand Chancellor

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6.—The elevation of Nathan J. Lane of Decatur to succeed Dore Erwin as grand chancellor of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias of Indiana, was scheduled for today at the state convention of the grand lodge.

Other officers to be elevated were L. B. Elmore, Monticello, grand vice chancellor; R. E. Parr, Edinburg, grand prior; Samuel L. Trabue, Indianapolis, grand master at arms; and C. S. Loy, Swazee, grand inner guard.

Candidates for the post of grand outer guard, which will be filled today are Othniel Hitch, Indianapolis; Levi Hooker, Evansville; Ernest M. Dunn, Union City; Thomas J. Sare, Bloomington, and William U. Wohlbach, Fort Wayne.

W. A. Morris, of Frankfort, and Ralph W. Garlor, of Mishawaka, are candidates for representatives to attend the supreme grand lodge convention.

COMMISSIONERS LET CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES

Also Contract For Improve- ment At County Farm; Several Bidders

BRIDGE MATTERS ARE CONSIDERED

The county commissioners awarded several contracts this morning for the furnishing of supplies and making improvements at the County Infirmary.

C. F. Bucher received the contract for erecting lightning rods on the new barns on his bid of \$170.50 for the general contract, and \$19.95 for the extras. Other bids filed were: A. R. Ashbaumer, \$175; Berne Hardware Co., \$218.

The contract for constructing a new entrance to the boiler room at the county farm was awarded to F. L. Johnston on his bid of \$338.00. Mr. Johnston was the only person to submit a bid for this work.

Bids were also received for the furnishing of a little carrier in the barns at the county farm. Two bids were received as follows: F. L. Johnston, \$190.00; H. Knapp & Son, \$155 on one style and \$168.00 on another style device. The contract was awarded to Knapp & Son.

Bridge Matters Up

The viewers' report in the matter of the Wm. C. Gillespie ditch in Blue Creek township was approved and referred to Dick Boch, engineer, for construction.

The viewers on the Edward J. Scheiner drain received an extension

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GIFT FROM REV. LUCKY ARRIVES

Draft For \$250 For Beauti- fying Court House Lawn Received By Bank

The Old Adams County Bank this morning received the gift of \$250 from the Rev. L. W. A. Luckey, of New York City, to cover the costs of beautifying the court house yard. The funds came in the form of a treasurer's check from the Guarantee Trust Company of New York, and a letter accompanying it asked that the same be turned over to the county officials or a committee after the work has been properly done and the matter legally recorded. Rev. Luckey was born and reared in this county and his father, George Luckey, a pioneer here, was a member of the board of county commissioners when the court house was erected. The offer was accepted by the commissioners yesterday and the work will be started this fall.

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Alleged Drug Addict Held At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6.—(United Press)—John Gray, of Sheridan, an alleged drug addict, is held in the Marion county jail today charged with violation of the anti-narcotic act.

Gray was arrested late yesterday afternoon after his sister, Mrs. Mandie Osborne, had appealed to the police to find the man who disappeared from her home.

Sister M. Sophia
Undergoes Operation

Sister M. Vera, principal of Decatur Catholic high school, returned last night from Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where she accompanied Sister M. Sophia, teacher of the First grade in the St. Joseph Catholic school. Sister M. Sophia underwent a major operation at Fond du Lac. No word concerning her condition has been received, but all are wishing her a speedy recovery.

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Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably rain. Much colder. Strong winds.

Highlights of President's Speech At American Legion Convention Today

The country can rest assured that if security lies in military force, it was never so secure before in all its history. In the past six years, we have expended about \$4,000,000,000 for this purpose. That ought to show results, and those who have correct information know that it does show results.

"I can see no merit in any unnecessary expenditure of money to hire men to build fleets and carry muskets when international relations and agreements permit the turning of such resources into the making of good roads, the building of better homes, the promotion of education and all the other arts of peace which minister to the advancement of human welfare."

"Whenever the military power starts dictating to the civil authority by whatsoever means adopted, the liberties of the country are beginning to end. National defense should at all times be supported, but any form of militarism should be resisted."

"It will always be impossible to harmonize justice with war. If we are looking for a more complete reign of justice, a more complete supremacy of law, a more complete social harmony, we must seek it in the paths of peace. One of the great questions before the nations today is how to promote tranquility."

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AVIATORS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Three Flyers Unhurt When Plane Falls 4,000 Feet; Motor In Flames

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 6.—(United Press)—Hurting earthward from an altitude of 4,000 feet, the motor of their airplane a fire and trailing long tongues of flame and smoke until the falling craft resembled some shooting meteor, three army aviators miraculously escaped death by retaining their presence of mind.

The fliers brought their plane to a safe landing in a cornfield near the Des Moines army post after one of the most thrilling peace-time experiences in the history of aviation.

Those aboard when the motor burst into flames were Lieut. A. E. Montgomery, Chief Machinist Chamberlain and Aviation Mate Kidder. In the SBW-1 they were following the air mail route across the continent from San Diego to New York where they were to compete in the Pulitzer trophy races.

Although the accident occurred last night army men did not reveal the story of the fall until today.

Hundreds of residents of Des Moines said the plane burst into flames and began sailing earthward at a rather sharp incline.

Then today Lieut. Montgomery told the story.

"It was a miracle," he said, "we were hitting it up at a pretty good clip, I should say 100 miles an hour. That's not fast for the SBW-1, because she's a speed craft, but it is pretty fast to have anything go wrong."

"Suddenly the motor, which sets behind the cockpit, gave a cough and burst into flames. We were sure it was all over. I believe the carburetor caught fire first. The wind tearing at the flames set up an awful roar. It occurred to me that we had about one chance in a thousand to get to earth safely. If we could maintain sufficient speed gliding down we could keep the flames shooting straight out behind and they might not have time to damage the plane before we landed."

"So that's what we did and here we are without a scratch."

Accompanying the SBW-1 was another plane of the same type, carrying Lieuts. W. Copchart and B. Wyatt and Chief Machinist Bergsten. The second plane landed when it saw the SBW-1 was in trouble but continued its journey eastward today.

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Annual Fruit Drive To Be Held Next Saturday

The annual fruit drive for the Adams County Memorial Hospital will be held Saturday. Fruits and vegetables may be taken to the Niblick building, formerly occupied by the Old Adams County Memorial Hospital, any time Saturday.

Bluffton Continues War On Liquor Law Violators

Bluffton, Oct. 6.—Bluffton today continued to make it hot for liquor law violators. Harry Cobb, prominent jeweler, of Indianapolis, and Lloyd Lincoln were brought into Mayor's court here this morning and fined \$15 and costs each for public intoxication.

As Cobb left the police court he was arrested on another charge and appeared in the circuit court. The second charge was for driving a car while intoxicated. The Indianapolis merchant drew a fine of \$100 and costs for the second charge and was sentenced to one to two years at the Indiana state prison. The sentence was suspended.

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