

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## GRECO-BULGARIAN WAR IN FULL SWING

### LOWER IS HEAD OF PYTHIAN HOME SITE COMMITTEE

Decatur Man Elected Chairman Of Group To Select Site For Building

### D. B. ERWIN IS ON BUILDING COMMITTEE

W. A. Lower, banker of this city, yesterday was elected chairman of the committee of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Indiana, to select the site for the state Pythian home. The committee is composed of nine members, the others being W. H. Eliehorn, Bluffton; Claude S. Kitterman, Cambridge City; Charles S. Pulliam, Terre Haute; Royal B. Cox, Darlington; A. C. Wise, Washington; A. W. Moore, Kokomo; R. R. Tash, Indianapolis, and Walter F. Huthsteiner, Tell City. Mr. Tash was named secretary.

The committee will meet at the Claypool hotel, at Indianapolis, on November 9, and will make the selection of the site within the next six weeks. Ten proposals were submitted and each of the cities will be visited by the committee, so that all advantages may be taken under consideration. The offers came from North Vernon, Lafayette, Muncie, Shelbyville, Hanover, Rushville, Greenwood, Martinsville, Seymour and Logansport. The amount of cash offered, the conditions and possibilities of schools, churches, railroad facilities, streets, roads and all other things which would tend to aid the home will be considered.

#### The Building Commission

Dore B. Erwin, of this city, who recently retired as grand chancellor of the state lodge, is a member of the building commission which is composed of five men who will have entire charge of the building. Other members of this committee are Henry Wade, Indianapolis, president of the insurance department, chairman; Elmer Bassett, Shelbyville, former grand chancellor, vice-chairman; Charles Howe, Greensburg; Senator George Geits, Muncie. Three others are ex-officio members, they being Nathan J. Lane, Darlington, grand chancellor; Carl R. Mitchell, Indianapolis, secretary; Henry Kammerer, treasurer.

The lodge has on hands at this time, \$122,000 and the first duty of the building commission will be to secure \$80,000, the estimated cost of the home being \$200,000. They will start this job at once and hope to

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### ALLEGED FORGER FOUND NOT GUILTY

Lloyd Biberstein Acquitted When Defect Is Found In The Affidavit

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the trial of Lloyd Biberstein, on a charge of forgery, in circuit court Wednesday afternoon, after the court had instructed the jury to acquit the defendant. These instructions were given to the jury after a technical defect in the affidavit had been pointed out by counsel for the defense.

Biberstein was arrested here during fair week last month. He presented a check at the Hoosier store, asking that it be cashed. The check was made out to Biberstein for \$13.20 and signed, "Bert Elevator Co." Lee Lawless, manager of the store, became suspicious when he read the signature on the check and he told Biberstein that he would call the Burk Elevator company here and ask if the check was good. When he stepped to the telephone, Biberstein ran from the store. Charles Ault, a special policeman, gave chase and caught Biberstein near the interurban station.

Four witnesses had testified for the state before the question of the validity of the affidavit was questioned. Biberstein is a young married man residing in the southern part of Adams county.

### C. S. Niblick Undergoes An Operation At Gary

Charles S. Niblick, president of the Old Adams County Bank and leading citizen here, who has been at Indiana Harbor for several weeks, receiving treatment for an unusual ailment, effecting the glands of his neck was operated on yesterday afternoon at the Gary hospital and the infected portion of the gland removed. Word of the operation was received here last evening and Mrs. Niblick left at once for Gary. The friends of Mr. Niblick and the family here are anxiously hoping for good reports as to Mr. Niblick's condition.

### MELLON MAKES NEW INCOME TAX RATE SCHEDULE

#### New Schedule Is Forwarded To House Ways And Means Committee

#### SLASHES 25 PER CENT. FROM PRESENT RATES

Washington, Oct. 22.—A new schedule of normal income tax rates, slashing about 25 per cent from the present schedule was set out in a letter Secretary of the Treasury Mellon forwarded to Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee.

The new schedule would provide an income tax of one per cent on \$3,000; two per cent on the next \$1,000; three per cent on the next \$4,000, and five per cent thereafter.

This compares with the original Mellon suggestion of one per cent on \$3,000; three per cent on the next \$4,000 and five per cent thereafter.

Washington, Oct. 22.—Following a series of political tilts with members of the Iowa Tax club, the house and ways committee today ordered policies barred from discussion at its hearings, and instructed future witnesses to confine themselves exclusively to taxes.

Representative Oldfield, democrat, Arkansas, raised the question when the committee met for their fourth hearing on the new \$300,000,000 tax reduction bill and asked that no more political arguments be indulged in.

"Political discussion is not in order before the committee," Chairman Green, republican, of Iowa, ruled.

Several speakers denounced communism and referred to opponents of the Mellon plan as "radicals."

R. B. Lowden, Lowden Machinery company, Fairchild, Iowa, today asked reduction of the present 12½ per cent capital stock tax to six or eight per cent. He endorsed the proposal to combine the capital stock with the corporation tax.

#### Luther Burbanks Made A 33rd Degree Mason

Washington, Oct. 22.—Luther Burbanks, famous naturalist and scientist of Santa Rosa, Cal., today was made a 33rd degree Mason.

### "EFFICIENCY" IS ROBINSON'S AIM

#### New Senator Plans to Make Efficiency Keynote Of His Term

Indianapolis, Oct. 22.—(United Press)—Arthur Robinson, new United States senator from Indiana, will attempt to make "efficiency" the keynote of his service in the upper house of congress, he said today.

Robinson is casting about for a secretary, though the appointment will probably not be made until next week.

"The principal qualification of the appointee will have to be efficiency," Robinson said. "I want efficiency to be the keynote of my term."

Robinson reiterated that he would be squarely behind the policies of President Coolidge and the national administration.

### War Hero Blind in One Eye



MARGARET CHRISTIE & "MOCKER"

"Mocker," carrier pigeon of the Signal Corps, who carried one message through the din of battle in the Argonne, losing his right eye from a bit of shrapnel, was a visitor at the Electrical Show in New York.

#### Lew Shank Expected To Return To Vaudeville Stage

### ELKS TO STAGE MUSICAL REVUE

Indianapolis, Oct. 22.—(United Press)—Rumors were revived today that Lew Shank, auctioneer mayor of Indianapolis, will step out before the footlights when he leaves the mayor's chair.

The mayor is expected to go to New York at an early date to discuss final terms of a contract with a vaudeville circuit.

Shank went on the stage at the end of his first term several years ago.

### TEACHERS TALK POLITICS TODAY

#### Selection Of President Of State Association Occupies Attention

Indianapolis, Oct. 22.—(United Press)—Political gossip filled the air as the 14,000 Indiana school teachers gathered here today for the annual convention of the state teachers' association.

A boom for Miss Martha Whitaker of Richmond, who was one of the strong candidates for president of the association last year, was started early.

Last year Miss Whitaker and R. U. Graff, superintendent of the Indianapolis schools, were deadlocked for many ballots and finally Dr. W. P. Dearing, of Oakland City college, was selected to break the deadlock.

Another candidate mentioned for the presidency of the association is Dr. Henry N. Sherwood, state superintendent. The present convention will be one of the most important in the history of the association. The teachers will be called upon to decide two vital questions which threaten to cause a bitter fight.

These questions are the plan to abolish the present state-wide gathering and substitute concurrent regional sessions and the matter of establishing a delegate assembly system.

Twenty sectional meetings will be held this morning and this afternoon with the first general session scheduled for tonight.

#### Severe Snow Storm Strikes Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22.—A snow storm of midwinter resemblance descended upon the twin cities at noon today. Forecasters said it would continue throughout the day and night. Warmer and generally fair was the prediction for tomorrow.

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### Weather

Indiana: Increasing cloudiness with probably rain late tonight or Friday; not so cool in extreme south portion Friday.

### SELECTION OF JURY TO TRY TRIO IS NEAR

#### Eleven Men Selected To Hear Trial Of D. C. Stephenson And His Aides

#### FINAL AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED SOON

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 22.—After eight days of ceaseless bickering between state and defense attorneys, prospects were brighter today for early selection of the jury to try D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, charged with murdering Madge Oberholtzer.

During the morning session, the jury was passed by the state to the defense and returned to the state with only one change in the jury box.

It was thought that final agreement on the personnel of the jury might be near.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 22.—(United Press)—A round-up for additional veniremen for the Oberholtzer murder trial was started today by Sheriff Gooding of Hamilton county.

Prospects of obtaining a jury this week to try D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, and Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry on an indictment charging them with first degree murder for the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer had almost vanished.

#### Toledo Newspaper Man Dies Of Heart Attack

New York, Oct. 22.—(United Press)—William K. Stewart, business manager of the Toledo News-Bee, died early today following a heart attack at the home of William H. Dodge in Pelham, N. Y. Stewart was in New York on a business trip and spent the night at the home of Dodge, who is president of Allied Newspapers, Inc.

### FUNERAL WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

#### Final Rites For Mrs. Lucy E. Rout To Be Held From Schirmeyer Home

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy E. Rout, 82, well-known Decatur resident, who died at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon, will be conducted from the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Schirmeyer, with whom she made her home at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, the Rev. B. N. Covert, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

Mrs. Rout was born in Wooster, O., March 24, 1843. She was married to John W. Rout and they resided in Van Wert, Ohio, for many years. Mr. Rout died several years ago. Mrs. Rout made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Schirmeyer here for the last 27 years. She was taken ill about ten days ago and was removed to the hospital Tuesday evening. Mrs. Rout was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Van Wert, while she resided there, and later she moved her membership to the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Mrs. Rout is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Schirmeyer; one son, H. T. Rout, of Nashville, Tennessee; and one brother, A. P. McConahay, of Van Wert, Ohio.

#### Pythians To Hold Big Meeting At French Lick

French Lick, Ind., Oct. 22.—What is expected to be one of the largest fraternal conventions ever held here will convene on October 28, when Pythians from the four districts in southern Indiana meet here.

The Bicknell degree team will exemplify the rank of page for a large class of candidates.

### Gilgian Inniger Dies At Home In Michigan

Gilgian Inniger, 50, former resident of Adams county, died at his home in Hesperia, Michigan, last week. Death was due to an ulcer of the lungs. Mr. Inniger formerly resided on a farm near Berne. He was born in Canton, Bern, Switzerland, and came to America forty years ago. Surviving are the wife, Selina Leichty Inniger; six children, Cora Inniger, Luee, Ezra, David, Anna and Mrs. Ida Drake, and one brother, Abraham, of Berne. Funeral services were held in Hesperia last Sunday afternoon.

### FARMER SLAIN BY NEIGHBOR

#### Huntington County Farmer Confesses He Murdered Andrew Stouse

Huntington, Oct. 22.—Charles Fairchild, 41, who lives across the road from Andrew Stouse, 41, bachelor-farmer, who was found slain at his farm northeast of here last Tuesday night, confessed last night that he murdered Stouse. Fairchild, who has a wife and six children, told the officers that the murder was prompted by Stouse's threats to kill him and derogatory remarks alleged to have been made by Stouse concerning Mrs. Fairchild and her daughters.

Fairchild said he went to the Stouse barn about daybreak Friday morning, carrying his shotgun loaded with two shells. He is quoted as saying that he made the trip with the intention of killing Stouse. He said Stouse was not there, so he decided to await his appearance. He waited about half an hour, according to his story to the officers, and when Stouse entered the barn, about fifteen feet from where Fairchild was standing, he lifted his gun and fired once.

Fairchild said his victim staggered and fell and when the form was still, he dragged the body to the pile of straw, carefully covering it. The body was found Tuesday night, in the spot described by Fairchild, by three neighbors who had become uneasy over Stouse's continued absence. Examination of the body disclosed 14 pieces of shot in the right side of the head and in the neck.

There had been no words between the two men at the time of the shooting, Fairchild told the officers. He said he went to the place with the intention of killing Stouse and did not intend to give the victim a chance to talk or fight.

The arrest of Fairchild and the subsequent confession of the murder was brought about through Chester A. Lincoln, prosecutor of the Whitley-Noble circuit court, who recalled that Stouse and Fairchild had had trouble. Stouse having been called before the Whitley circuit court on September 24, when it is understood he told of being struck by Fairchild with a gas pipe while he was at Fairchild's home visiting the family on account of the illness of Fairchild's son. The blow on the head had caused a deep scalp wound.

### ELECTION BOARDS NOT APPOINTED

#### City Chairmen Have Not Announced Appointments For Election This Fall

The members of the city election boards have not yet been appointed, Mrs. Catherine Kauffman, city clerk stated today. The city chairmen of the two political parties appoint the members, the democrats having the privilege of appointing the inspector. The salary of election board members, as fixed by law, is \$12 for the inspector; \$9 for the clerks and judges and \$6 for the sheriffs. The members are paid for only one day, regardless of the time it takes to complete the compiling of the ballots. Meals are also allowed for the members of the board.

A slight frost was reported this morning, but there is very little vegetation which can be affected now by the frosts. The last few days have set a record for cold weather in October, at least for recent years and this leads many to believe that this part of the state will have a cold winter.

Cool weather usually holds off until the first or second week in November, but this year furnaces were being renovated and started as early as three weeks ago.

### ARMIES OF BOTH NATIONS REPORT MANY CASUALTIES

#### Diplomats Of Both Countries Work Frantically To Stem War Spirit

#### MUCH ANXIETY LEST THE TROUBLE SPREAD

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Greek and Bulgar are locked in combat near the rim of Macedonia and reports out of the Balkans today say that numerous casualties have already occurred.

A Sofia United Press message recounted that the Bulgarian cabinet was called to meet tonight to decide whether or not Bulgaria could declare war on Greece.

Meantime diplomats at Sofia and Athens were reported frantically trying to stem the war spirit. But neither nation had even answered the other's sharp demands, arising from what the Greeks call a Bulgarian invasion of Macedonia and the Bulgars call Greek invasion of their territory.

No report of League of Nations action to consider the situation had come to early afternoon.

The Bulgarian village of Coula was occupied by the Greeks following their taking of Petriti yesterday and fighting was in full swing when the telegrams were fled.

Bulgaria, thinking of declaring war, is ill-equipped to wage it, since her armament is practically nonexistent as a result of the allied conditions imposed upon her.

However, London messages said that there was a great deal of anxiety, lest the present trouble spread through the Balkan "powder keg" at a time when Europe was dreaming of peace as a result of the Locarno safety agreements.

Athens, Oct. 22.—Fighting is in full swing between Greeks and Bulgarians.

Having occupied Petriti yesterday, the Greeks followed this up today by occupying the Bulgarian village of Cuba. Fighting ensued and is now progressing.

The double occupations are part of the Greek course of compelling Bulgaria to end the alleged raiding of Macedonia by guerrilla warriors.

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### FALL WEATHER PREDOMINATES

#### Mercury Climbs Few Notches Today, But Cool Wave Is Due To Stay

Fall weather predominates in Adams county.