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LEAGUE OF NATIONS ACTS TO STOP WAR

TASK OF PICKING JURORS MAY DRAG INTO THIRD WEEK

No Definite Progress Made Today In Selecting Jury For Stephenson Case

COURT PREPARES TO CALL FOURTH VENIRE

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Thirteen more veniremen were examined and excused by the defense in rapid fashion today without definite progress being made toward selection of a jury to try D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry on charges of murdering Miss Madge Oberholtzer.

All of the men were dismissed because they had formed opinions in the case.

It appeared certain the task of selecting the jury would drag into the third week.

Judge Sparks announced no session would be held Saturday unless a jury is completed this afternoon. This appeared only a remote possibility.

Stephenson wore an extremely bored expression, paying little attention to the proceedings, spending the greater part of his time reading a newspaper. The state's attorneys lolled in their chairs while Inman questioned the veniremen.

Judge Sparks said he is preparing to call a fourth venire of 100 men.

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 23—Defense objection to the slightest expression of an opinion in the case by talesmen today still blocked selection of a jury for the Oberholtzer murder trial.

D. C. Stephenson, a former grand dragon of the Indiana Ku Klux Klan, and two of his henchmen, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, are on trial on an indictment charging first degree murder for the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, of Indianapolis.

Nineteen men were weeded out of the jury box during a tedious session yesterday in which it seemed at times that agreement on a jury was near.

John Inman, chief defense attorney, pried into every angle of each man's personal and political connections in examining the veniremen.

Inman objected to any man whose political affiliations might influence his vote on a verdict, or who had formed an opinion.

Scarcely questions were shot at the talesmen examined by Inman to reveal whether any of their women relatives had ever been involved in scandals with men.

While Inman's objections removed man after man, the attorneys for the prosecution appeared satisfied with the men in the jury box at most points in the examination.

DEMOCRATS HOLD PRECINCT MEETS

Candidates and Party Workers Give Talks: More Meetings Scheduled

Democratic Precinct meetings were held last evening in first ward, A, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nichols and in third ward, A, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance. Each was well attended and the interest manifested indicated a good organization to get out the vote on election day.

Talks were made by George Krick, candidate for mayor, and by the other candidates and other persons who attended. A number of men, as well as the women, attended the meetings and all who are interested are invited to take part in these neighborhood gatherings.

Tonight, the meetings announced are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Macklin, on First street, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wemhoff on North Eighth street, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gehrig, on North Eighth street. The latter meeting is in second ward, B, while the Wemhoff meeting is in third, B. Meetings are also being arranged for next week, excepting on Wednesday night, when a smoker will be given at Democratic headquarters.

MR. NIBLICK IMPROVING

Well-known Decatur Banker, Who Underwent Operation At Gary, Reported Better Today.

Relatives of C. S. Niblick, president of the Old Adams County Bank and prominent Decatur citizen, received word last night that he was resting easier and his condition was reported, by attending physicians, to be a little better.

Mr. Niblick underwent an operation at Gary. He has been suffering for several weeks from a diseased neck gland. The diseased part of the gland was removed in the recent operation. Mr. Niblick is under the care of his son, Dr. Stewart Niblick, and several other physicians.

ROTARIANS GIVE SUPPORT TO BARR

Decatur Club Endorses Candidacy of Bluffton Man For State Office

The Decatur Rotarians, at their weekly meeting last evening, endorsed the candidacy of Rotarian Will Barr, of Bluffton, for the office of Governor of the Twentieth District of International Rotary.

Mr. Barr, who is a well-known business man and leading citizen of Bluffton and a past president of the Bluffton club, agreed at a meeting of the Bluffton club last Friday to enter the race. His candidacy has met with a hearty response from Rotarians in this section of the state who know him and who would like to see him elected to the state office.

The election of a district governor will take place next February at the conference to be held at Muncie.

Talked on "Gas" Business

James Elberson, proprietor of a local service station, gave an interesting and instructive talk on the history of the petroleum and gasoline business and his explanation of how gasoline was refined was very instructive. He covered the history of the business from beginning to end and his discussion was thoroughly enjoyed.

Abraham Simmons and Ralph Todd of Bluffton were visitors at the meeting last evening and C. J. Vogelweide acted as chairman of the program.

Only Arctic Caboose Ir Erie R. R. Exhibit

Susquehanna, Pa., Oct. 23.—(United Press)—An old time Erie Railroad caboose that has been in Arctic regions for four years sits on a siding alongside the Erie station here. On it is the following inscription:

"This caboose was loaned Lieutenant Peary by the Erie Railroad and went on his expedition in 1899; was used as a deckhouse on the ship, Windward, and it is the only railroad car ever sent to the Arctic regions."

While Peary's ship was being fitted out alongside the Erie dock in New York harbor, Lieutenant Peary caught sight of the caboose and asked for the loan of it for his trip. It was in the polar regions for four years and recently the railroad had it returned to be used as an exhibit.

Horticultural Society To Meet December 10-11

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23.—The Indiana Horticultural Society will hold its sixty-fifth annual meeting at the Claypool hotel here December 10 and 11, it was announced today.

Prof. H. W. Whetzel, of Cornell and Prof. W. S. Brook, Illinois University will be the principal speakers.

Cattle Feeders Will Meet At Purdue, Nov. 20

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 23.—The annual meeting of the Indiana Cattle Feeders' Association will be held here November 20, it was announced today.

The meeting was called by J. C. Bridges, of Greencastle, president of the association.

The principal address will be delivered by C. C. Fisher, of Union City, Indiana.

SUGAR FACTORY BEGINS ANNUAL RUN SATURDAY

Workmen Ordered To Report At 6 A. M.; Beets Arriving Rapidly

SEVENTY-DAY RUN IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Indiana's only beet sugar mill, located in Decatur, will open for its fourteenth annual campaign at 6:00 o'clock Saturday morning, October 24, the local management stated today.

Employees who have been engaged to work in the mill and in the yards are requested to report at the factory not later than 6:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. The wheels in the big factory will then be started in motion and for the next sixty days or seventy the grind will continue day and night.

Indications point to a seventy-day or longer run this year. This would bring the close of the campaign up to the first of the year.

Beets Arriving Rapidly.

The beets are coming in as rapidly as they can be handled now and several tons are stacked on the yards. They will begin to find their way through the mill tomorrow and within a day or two will have been made into sugar.

The opening of the mill was delayed a little this year, but within the last two weeks the weather has been of correct brand for the maturing of the beets and the crop looks good. Last year was one of the biggest runs in the history of the plant in the point of sugar production, the beets containing a high content of sugar. During the time the mill is operating, approximately 300 persons are employed in the mill, in the yard and at the weigh stations. The stations opened last Monday.

JACKSON FAVORS SALARY SLASHING

Governor Behind Budget Committee In Cutting Pay Of State Officers

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Governor Jackson is standing squarely behind the action of the state budget committee in slashing salaries of state officials despite growing dissatisfaction against the cuts, it was indicated today.

The governor was understood to have told a member of the budget committee that he knew many applicants who would accept the position of any official who would accept a reduction in salary only under protest.

The state payroll was cut \$100,000 a year by the budget committee in an order a week ago reducing the salaries of some officials and discharging other employees whose work was not held necessary.

Meanwhile, members of the state service commission, whose department was hardest hit, sought the opinion of Attorney General Gilliom as to the legality of the committee's action.

The commission members contend their salaries are fixed by the law which established the commission and that the committee overstepped its power in cutting salaries from \$6,000 to \$5,000 a year.

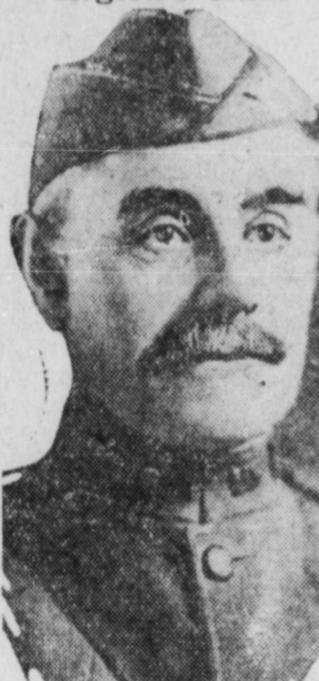
Gilliom said it was the first time he had been called on for a formal opinion on the problem. He said he

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Col. Mitchell Formally Served With Charges

Washington, Oct. 23.—(United Press)—Colonel William Mitchell today was formally served with charges against him and notified to appear for court-martial next Wednesday. The formality was performed by Colonel Joseph L. McMullen of the judge advocate general's office, who called on Mitchell at his home shortly after breakfast.

Legion's Chief



JOHN R. MCQUIGG

John R. McQuigg, of East Cleveland, O., is the new national commander of the American Legion. He was elected on the first ballot. A veteran of the World wars, he is fifty-nine years old.

STATE MEETING TO BE CONTINUED

Teachers Defeat Plan To Hold Three District Sessions; Officers Elected

Indianapolis, Oct. 23.—The annual convention of the Indiana state teachers association today rejected a proposal to have three separate meetings each year instead of one.

The resolution for the separate meets was sponsored by school superintendents and principals and opposed by the teachers.

It was proposed in the resolution to hold meetings at the same time each year in Indianapolis, South Bend and Evansville.

Mrs. Martha Whitaker of Richmond, was elected president of the association and will preside at the convention next year.

She was supported by the teachers of the organization.

NEW OIL WELL IS BROUGHT IN

Jefferson Township Well, Shot Tuesday, Promises To Be Good Producer

An oil well, which gives promise of being a paying investment, was brought in on the farm owned by the Rev. W. F. Johnson in Jefferson Township, Tuesday. The farm is located six miles east of Berne and is occupied by Omer D. Lehman.

Soon after the well was shot, the oil in the pipe measured about 100 feet deep. Pumping was started Thursday morning. The drilling was done by Forest Grove, of Payne, Ohio, and the work required about two weeks. Previous wells drilled on the Johnson farm proved to be dry holes. Two more wells will be started on the farm next Monday morning.

A line has been laid to carry the oil from the well that was brought in this week to the Geneva oil fields.

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Holiness Association To Meet At Monroe, Sunday

The Adams County Holiness Association will meet in the Monroe Friends church Sunday afternoon, October 25, at 2:30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Hunt, of Bryant, will deliver the sermon. Special singing will be furnished by musicians from Bluffton and other places. The public is invited to attend the service.

Weather
Unsettled tonight and Saturday, rain probable. Somewhat colder Saturday.

STATE OFFICIALS SEEK REPEAL OF INHERITANCE TAX

Governors of Several States Call On Ways And Means Committee

SEVENTEEN STATES ARE REPRESENTED

By Paul R. Mallon, (U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, Oct. 23.—Sixty state governors and personal representatives of eleven others demanded repeal of the federal inheritance tax before the house ways and means committee to day.

The federal government usurped the levying power of the state in this tax in a war crisis and has unjustly continued it since, the governors contend in their arguments for repeal.

The delegation of 17 state executives was led by Governor Clifford Walker, democrat, Georgia, who presented a resolution adopted by a conference of governors at Savannah last June, asking repeal of the federal inheritance tax.

A Wartime Measure.

The present law would not and could not have been passed save as a war time measure and the time has no woe for its repeal.

Representatives of other governors included W. I. Nolan, lieutenant governor, Minnesota; A. C. Bollinger, tax commissioner, of Illinois; Henry Cours, attorney, New Mexico; H. C. McCluskey, secretary to Governor Hunt, of Arizona; William Belknap, state legislator, Kentucky; Lieutenant Governor Clem Kimball, of Iowa; T. H. Thoreson, tax commissioner, of North Dakota; B. L. Baer, tax com-

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MUSTERED OUT 60 YEARS AGO

Decatur Men Started Home From Civil War Battle-fields, Oct. 23, 1865

Sixty years ago today, several Decatur men, tired and battleworn, but happy, were mustered out of service in the U. S. Army and started their journey homeward. Those Decatur men and others, numbering about 300 in all, were the only ones left out of nearly 2,000 men who fought with the 47th regiment during the Civil War, the others having fallen on the battle fields. They were mustered out sixty years ago today, because their services were no longer needed. The war was won by the Union forces.

George B. Cline, one of the Decatur men who was discharged sixty years ago today, called at the Daily Democrat office today and told the story of that eventful day and the journey homeward. Six of the Decatur men are still living. They are Mr. Cline, Theodore Schindler, of Columbus, O.; Jacob Railing, of Chicago; J. M. Blossom, of Dayton, Ohio; L. R. Blossom, of Decatur, and J. Battenburg, of Vicksburg, Michigan. All were members of Company C, 47th regiment, Company C left Decatur during the fall of 1861, and was in the thick of the fighting throughout the war.

After being mustered out at Battleground, Louisiana, the survivors of the 47th regiment were transported up the Mississippi river to Cairo,

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Christian Church To Hold Special Services

The first anniversary of the dedication of the new Christian church in this city will be observed next Sunday with special Rally Day and homecoming services. A free basket dinner for all members and friends of the church will be served in the basement of the church at noon. The afternoon service, which will begin at 2 o'clock, will be in the nature of a roll call. French Quinn, well-known Decatur citizen, will deliver an address. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

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LENGERICH CHILD DIES

Only Child Of Mr. And Mrs. Herman Lengerich Of Decatur Dies Early This Morning.

James Edward Lengerich, age nine months and 11 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lengerich, of North Fifth street, died at 5 o'clock this morning of complications, including pneumonia. The baby died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ulman, of Union township. He was the only child in the family. Funeral services will be held Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock from the St. Mary's Catholic church, and burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

S. S. CONVENTION OPENS AT MONROE

Large Audience Attends First Session; Closes At Berne This Evening

A large audience attended the opening session of the annual Adams County Sunday School Convention held in the Monroe Methodist church last night. The convention continued in session today, with meetings at the Evangelical church in Berne this forenoon and afternoon. The closing session will be held in the First Mennonite church of Berne this evening. A Fellowship banquet will be held in the Community Auditorium at Berne at 6 o'clock this evening.

The Rev. Somerville Light, pastor of the First Methodist church of Decatur, and Miss Nellie C. Young, superintendent of the children's division of the state Sunday school association, were the principal speakers at the session held in Monroe last night. Both delivered interesting and instructive addresses. Music was furnished by the Mennonite male chorus, of Berne; the Monroe orchestra; and the Evangelical Sunday school of Linn Grove.

Mr. H. G. Rowe, superintendent of the young people's division of the state Sunday school association, was scheduled to speak at the forenoon and afternoon sessions today, while Miss Young will speak again this evening. The election of officers will be held this evening, also.

Teaching Of Indiana History Held Legal