

## MRS. OBERHOLTZER GIVES TESTIMONY

### DEMOCRATS HOLD SMOKER; ISSUES ARE DISCUSSED

Large Number Of Voters Attend Meeting Last Night; Several Speeches

### CLOSING MEETING NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

A large number of voters attended the smoker last evening at Democratic headquarters, where they heard the issues of the campaign discussed by a dozen speakers and where much interest was created.

John T. Kelly, prosecuting attorney of Adams county, presided and made a short talk on organization and on the importance of the coming election. Speakers on the regular program were then introduced, followed by numerous others and then the candidates gave short talks. Splendid talks were made by each, the list including Senator J. W. Tyndall, C. J. Lutz, H. B. Heller, Mayor DeVoss, Martin Jager, George Krick, candidate for mayor; Fred Linn, Fred Ashbacher, O. L. Vance, Joe Hunter and George Miller, candidates for council; John O'Brien, an old-time citizen; A. D. Suttles, Dr. J. M. Miller and others.

Mr. DeVoss spoke for the present administration, read the platform of four years ago and showed that every pledge had been faithfully kept. He also called attention to the splendid platform adopted this year and asked the united support of the democrats for the ticket. Mr. Tyndall, Mr. Heller, Mr. Lutz and others spoke of the splendid ticket this year, the ability of each and the importance of their election. Mr. Jager discussed the conditions of Decatur, the progress made and urged the united support for those who are making the effort to honestly and efficiently manage the affairs of city government. Every detail was discussed by the speakers and the meeting became enthusiastic. Each candidate promised to perform the duties of his office, if elected, in the very best manner possible. It was a splendid session, enjoyed by all and the "boys" started out in earnest today to win by 1,000.

**Meeting Monday Night.**  
Plans are now being made for a closing meeting at headquarters next Monday evening and voters are invited to attend. The program is being arranged now and will be snappy and

### WOMAN SEEKS LARGE ALIMONY

Fort Wayne Woman Seeks \$100,000 Alimony In Divorce Case Venued Here

Alimony in the sum of \$100,000 is asked in a divorce suit vented to the Adams circuit court from the Allen circuit court for trial. The papers in the case were filed here today.

The case was filed at Fort Wayne by Rose Jones against William L. Jones. Mrs. Jones alleges that her husband abandoned her on August 27, 1925. She avers that prior to that time he was cold and indifferent toward her and had no love or affection for her, that he disputed her right to enjoy the society of refined friends, and that he deserted her shortly after a child was born to her and published notices that he would not be responsible for debts contracted by her. She says her husband has an income of \$30,000 a year. She asks for a divorce, the custody of their children, alimony in the sum of \$100,000 and a suitable allowance for the children.

In a cross-complaint filed by Mr. Jones, he alleges that she continually nagged him and accused him of various things and that she does not care for the children. He asks the court to grant him a divorce and the custody of the children. Attorneys Heaton & Heaton, of Fort Wayne, represent the plaintiff, while the firm of Leonard, Rose & Zollars is counsel for the defendant.

### Double-Decked Streets To Be Built In Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 29.—(United Press)—Double-decked streets within a six block zone north of the loop business district have been approved by the Chicago city council.

The plan will relieve traffic congestion and bring the six blocks into the loop territory.

The cost of the double decking, including two level bridges over the Chicago river, will be around \$7,000,000 the council was told.

### STOLEN SAFE IS RECOVERED

Several Valuable Papers Stolen From Pleasant Mills Garage Are Found

The safe stolen from the C. J. Mann garage in Pleasant Mills several nights ago, was found in the St. Marys river east of Mendon, Ohio, this week. The door had been torn off the safe and the contents rifled. Mr. Mann has recovered all of the papers with the exception of one account book, containing accounts totalling about \$150.

A man who was painting a bridge over the St. Marys river noticed the safe in the bed of the river. It was in about three feet of water, but the water was clear and the outlines of the safe could be detected. He succeeded in hooking a chain over one leg of the safe and pulling it to shore with the aid of a block and tackle. By examining the papers in the safe, the man learned that it belonged to Mr. Mann and he notified the owner of his find.

**Door Found In Another Spot**  
The door was not found when the safe was located. When Mr. Mann went after the safe he made further investigations in that vicinity and found the place where the thieves had opened the safe. This was about a quarter of a mile up the river from the bridge, along a lane. The thieves had used a chisel, stolen from the Mann garage, to remove the door of the safe. Leading from that spot to the river bank was a path. Mr. Mann began a search of the river bed in that vicinity and finally located the door of the safe. The fire clay had been removed from the door and books and papers stuffed into the opening. One note for \$99.15 was found in the door.

Indications were that the thieves had hidden the tires and guns stolen from the garage, in shocks of fodder near the place where they opened the safe, and later returned for them. One old tire was found there, also, indicating that one of the new tires had been placed on the car or truck driven by the thieves.

Mr. Mann had offered a reward of \$25 for the apprehension of the thieves and the return of the papers, but inasmuch as the thieves were not apprehended and not all of the papers were returned, the man who found the safe received only \$10.

Mr. Mann's garage has been robbed three times recently. On the other two occasions about \$75 in cash was stolen. Mr. Mann said today that he probably will be able to collect a major portion of the debts charged on the missing account book.

### SOUTH WARD PARTY

Pupils Of South Ward School To Give Annual Halloween Social Friday Night.

A Halloween party and social will be given by the pupils of the South Ward school at the school building Friday night. A fishing pond, games, contests, refreshment booths and all sorts of entertainment will be on the program. The pupils of the third and fourth grades will present a clever play. This is an annual affair with the teachers and pupils and every effort is being put forth to make it a success. The proceeds from the party will be used in keeping the playground in good condition. The teachers of the school are the Misses Eva Acker, principal, Carolyn Acker, Gladys Kern and Effie Patton. The public is invited to attend.

### ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR NIBLICK FUNERAL

Plans Made to Suspend Business During Services Friday Morning

### PALL OF SORROW COVERS COMMUNITY

Funeral services for Charles S. Niblick, president of the Old Adams County Bank and esteemed citizen of Decatur, whose death occurred Wednesday morning at Gary, will be held at 9 o'clock Friday morning from the St. Mary's Catholic church. A solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated. The Rev. J. A. Seimetz, rector, will act as celebrant; the Rev. Otto A. Peters, assistant pastor of the local congregation, sub-deacon.

**Pall Bearers Named**  
Pall bearers were appointed from the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, of which Mr. Niblick was a member. They are: Charles J. Voglewede, Ben J. Smith, Leo Yager, Charles N. Christen, Dr. H. F. Costello and Nicholas Miller. Honorary pall bearers were appointed as follows: L. C. Waring, James Harkless, Charles A. Dugan, Mat Kirsch, Henry Schulte, of this city, and H. F. Conter, of Gary. Mr. Conter and wife accompanied the Niblick family home from Gary yesterday.

Business will be suspended in the city tomorrow during the funeral hour, from 9 to 10 o'clock, and in most cases retail stores will close their doors. The banks will be closed until noon.

**Community Mourns**  
A blanket of sorrow has covered this city and community since the death of Mr. Niblick and expressions of sympathy were received by the family and business associates from all parts of the state. His death removes one, if not the most popular and highly esteemed citizen of Decatur and all classes of people, from laboring man to banker, were profuse in voicing tributes to the

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### ABE HOCKER DIES AT BERNE

Prominent Manufacturer And Inventor Dies Suddenly This Morning

Abe Hocker, prominent inventor and manufacturer of Berne, died suddenly at 9:30 o'clock this morning at his home. Mr. Hocker's death was due to heart trouble. He had been up town and had just returned to his home on Jefferson street and was talking to his wife when he was stricken and he died before physicians arrived.

Mr. Hocker was an uncle of C. E. Hocker, assistant postmaster of this city. He was widely known as a manufacturer and inventor. He has lived in Berne many years. He was born in Ohio in 1856, the son of Stephen and Susan Hocker. In 1877, Mr. Hocker came to Berne and lived the remainder of his life in Adams county.

In 1882, he was married to Martha E. Martz, who survives. Two children survive. They are Mrs. E. D. Lehman, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Dan Adler, of Denver, Colorado. Two children preceded the father in death. Two brothers, Samuel Hocker, of Bluffton, and Frank, of Oklahoma, also survive, together with three grandchildren and distant relatives and many friends.

Mr. Hocker was a member of the Berne Evangelical church and had been active in church affairs for many years. He held several offices in the church and Sunday school. Mr. Hocker donated to the Evangelical church of Berne, a room in one of his buildings several years ago where the first meetings of that congregation were held before their church was built.

Funeral services have not been arranged. It was learned this afternoon that no definite arrangements would be made until it was ascertained when the relatives who live a great distance would arrive.

### BUSINESS HOUSES TO CLOSE

Local business houses in this city will be closed from 9 until 10 o'clock Friday morning, during the funeral of C. S. Niblick, president of the Old Adams County Bank and leading citizen of Decatur, whose death occurred Wednesday morning at Gary. The banks will be closed until noon.

### PAINLEVE FORMS A NEW CABINET

Premier Takes Up Task Of Restoring France's Finances To Normalcy

By A. L. Bradford  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, Oct. 29.—(United Press)—A new Painleve cabinet was formed today. Working almost until dawn, then snatching a brief rest and starting on his cabinet formation work again this morning, Paul Painleve succeeded in forming a cabinet to replace the old Painleve regime which resigned Tuesday in order to shake off Finance Minister Caillaux.

In the new cabinet Painleve is premier and finance minister. Upon him now devolves the task in which the picturesque Caillaux failed—restoration of France's finances to a state of clarity and health.

Supporting him as before is Aristide Briand in the foreign ministry. The official cabinet follows:

Paul Painleve, premier and minister of finance.  
Aristide Briand, foreign affairs.  
Chaumette, justice.  
Abraham Schrameck, interior.  
Daladier, war.  
Emile Buge, navy.  
Yvon Delbos, instruction.  
Jean Durand, agriculture.  
Paul Durafour, labor.  
Antier, pensions.  
Perrier, colonies.  
Daniel Vincent, commerce.  
Anatole De Monzie, public works.  
Bonnet, budget.

Painleve abandoned an earlier thought of again assuming the war ministry post which he held in his first cabinet. This went, however, to M. Edouard Daladier, who held office in the Herriot ranks when he took M. Camille Chaumette as justice minister. He had served earlier as interior minister.

The personnel changes mean little. The policy change that goes with formation of the new cabinet is important.

The old cabinet went off to rid itself of Caillaux who fought against the capital levy as a means of righting French finances. This is demanded by the groups upon which the new cabinet relies for support, but it is generally admitted that Painleve must show prime statesmanship if he steers his new group through the parliamentary pitfalls.

It is almost certain that Painleve will be forced to advocate a tax on agriculture, a capital levy, and he probably will not be able to avoid further inflation. All of these policies are dangerous insofar as the life of the cabinet is concerned. It can fall as a result of the combination of these plans, though politicians so far have not passed any "death sentences" upon the new cabinet.

### Drives Auto Through Crossing Gates; Injured

Indianapolis, Oct. 29.—(United Press)—Driving his auto through the crossing gates on the Belt railroad, William Schrowe, 30, was struck by a freight train last night. His condition is serious today.

### Two Large Paint Firms In Indianapolis Merge

Indianapolis, Oct. 29.—(United Press)—A merger of two Indianapolis paint firms doing an annual business of \$2,000,000 was completed today. The Indianapolis Paint and Color company purchased the Burdall Paint plants of the middlewest.

### Weather

Indiana: Probably snow tonight or Friday. Not quite so cold in south portion.

### MITCHELL LOSES SECOND ROUND IN HIS TRIAL TODAY

Former Air Officer Challenges Jurisdiction Of Court-Martial and Loses

### FREE SPEECH DOES NOT APPLY TO ARMY

Bulletin  
Washington, Oct. 29.—(United Press)—The army court-martial trying Colonel William Mitchell today rejected his contention that it lacked jurisdiction.

After hearing arguments for and against sustaining the defense's challenge, the court, at a 10-minute recess session, sided with the government and ordered the trial to proceed.

Mitchell and his counsel contended that constitutional guarantees of free speech safeguarded army officers in criticizing their superiors. Army prosecutors refuted the argument, saying discipline in the army would be impossible if such were the case.

Major General Howse, president of the court, announced the decision. The court took up the eight specifications of the charges one by one and voted on the jurisdiction question in connection with each.

The members filed in and out of the room to announce their decision on each charge.

### September Business Shows An Increase

Chicago, Oct. 29.—(United Press.)—General business conditions during September showed a marked seasonal increase over August, according to the monthly report of the Federal Reserve bank of Chicago, issued today. Distribution of wholesale goods was seasonably larger. All five commodity groups covered in the survey showed expansion. Seventeen firms reported decreased business volume. Drugs last month showed a gain over the sale during the corresponding period of 1924.

### COLD WEATHER CONTINUES HERE

Slightly Warmer Weather Is Predicted To Arrive Within Few Hours

Mid-winter weather continued today in this community, with a prediction of slightly warmer weather before night. Probably the coldest October weather ever recorded in this city was registered last night when the thermometers dropped far below freezing.

Many auto owners either drained the water from their automobile radiators or else took the zero weather precaution and put alcohol in the water. Water froze during the night, but it is doubtful whether the freeze was sufficient to burst radiators.

Clothing merchants in this city report a good trade in winter clothing and apparently the cold wave has stimulated other business in this city. It is not expected that the cold wave will last more than two or three days and many Decatur citizens predict that there will be at least two weeks of warm weather yet this year.

### Time For Hearings On New Tax Bill Extended

Washington, Oct. 29.—An extension of hearings on the new \$300,000,000 tax bill into the next week was ordered by the ways and means committee today to permit more witnesses to be heard.

Putting aside its plan to begin actual drafting of the bill Saturday the committee decided to continue hearings Monday and Tuesday and to begin actual work Wednesday.

Requests for permission to plead personally for reductions have delayed the committee from all parts of the country.

### Voters Are Few But Town Must Have Officers

Although there are barely enough qualified voters in the village to fill the town offices, the citizens of Vera Cruz have nominated a ticket and will hold an election Tuesday, because someone just must handle the town's share of tax money. The ticket is made up entirely of men, as the women refused to hold office. The ticket is made up as follows: trustee, first ward, Fred Shaefer; trustee, second ward, Roland Heche; trustee, third ward, Carl Dilly; clerk-treasurer, Ervin Walter.

### CHAIRMEN NAME ELECTION BOARDS

Workers Appointed to Have Charge Of Voting Places In City Election

Election boards for both democrats and republicans for the city election to be held in Decatur next Tuesday, November 3, have been named by the party chairmen. The voting places will be the same in each precinct this year as they were at the primary last spring. The polls will open at 6 o'clock in the morning and will close at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

As soon as the votes are counted the returns will be received at the Daily Democrat office and all those interested are invited to come to this office next Tuesday night and receive the returns.

**Democratic Boards**  
First Ward, A precinct—  
Mat Breiner, inspector.  
Mrs. Ida Chronister, judge.  
Mrs. John Heller, clerk.  
Oliver Jackson, sheriff.  
First Ward, B precinct—  
Thomas Dowling, inspector.  
William Parent, judge.  
Harvey Stevens, clerk.  
John Kelley, sheriff.  
Second Ward, A precinct—  
A. D. Suttles, inspector.  
Eugene Runyon, judge.  
Nellie Blackburn, clerk.  
John Voglewede, sheriff.  
Second Ward, B precinct—  
James Hurst, inspector.  
Mrs. George Hill, clerk.  
Charles Melbers, judge.  
Amos Fisher, sheriff.  
Third Ward, A precinct—  
Francis Conter, inspector.  
Charles Helm, judge.  
Mrs. Herman Ehinger, clerk.  
John Myers, sheriff.  
Third Ward, B precinct—  
John Starost, inspector.  
Mrs. George Wemhoff, clerk.  
Alva Baker, judge.  
Frank Bosse, sheriff.

**Republican Boards**  
The republican board appointments filed by L. A. Graham, republican county chairman, are as follows.  
First Ward, A precinct—  
S. W. Peterson, judge.  
Earl Adams, clerk.  
William McBarnes, sheriff.  
First Ward, B precinct—  
William Norris, judge.  
Herman Hammond, clerk.  
Aaron Stevens, sheriff.  
Second Ward, A precinct—  
Dan Sprang, judge.  
Tom Vail, clerk.  
J. D. Andrews, sheriff.  
Second Ward, B precinct—  
Miranda Moore, judge.  
Emma Butler, clerk.  
Albert Chronister, sheriff.  
Third Ward, A precinct—  
J. W. Teeple, judge.  
Lulu Swearingin, clerk.  
William Hitchcock, sheriff.  
Third Ward, B precinct—  
Charles Krush, judge.  
Elmer Tricker, clerk.  
Oscar Teeple, sheriff.

### Separate Bureau Of Aeronautics Recommended

Columbus, O., Oct. 29.—(United Press.)—Establishment of a separate bureau of aeronautics, under the department of commerce, was recommended in a report submitted by a joint committee of the department of commerce and the administrative board of the American engineering council at a meeting here today.

### VICTIM'S MOTHER IS FIRST WITNESS IN MURDER TRIAL

Courtroom Is Quiet As Mother Tells Story In Stephenson's Trial

### STATE OUTLINES CASE THIS MORNING

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 29.—(United Press.)—Dressed in black and with head bowed, Mrs. George Oberholtzer, mother of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, was called today as the first witness for the state in the trial of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry.

Stephenson, a former grand dragon of the Indiana K. K. K., and his two aides are charged with first degree murder for the girl's death.

In a voice so low it could hardly be heard, she told of her daughter receiving a telephone call to go to Stephenson's house on a business matter on the night of March 15.

**Returns Home Dying.**  
Two days later Miss Oberholtzer was returned home, slowly dying from bichloride of mercury taken after an alleged attack by Stephenson. Mrs. Oberholtzer told of jagged wounds on her daughter's body and deep bruises on her face.

The creaking of a chair was the only sound breaking the stillness of the courtroom as she related her daughter's condition.

The mother of the dead girl was placed on the stand immediately after Charles E. Cox, special assistant prosecutor, had completed the opening statement for the prosecution.

During questioning of Mrs. Oberholtzer, Prosecutor Remy repeatedly asked her questions which would divert her mind from the ordeal her daughter had endured. Remy feared the strain might cause Mrs. Oberholtzer to collapse completely. Judge Sparks told her to take all the time she needed to answer the questions.

On cross examination Eph Inman, chief defense attorney, asked Mrs. Oberholtzer if her daughter had not been in the state capitol frequently during the last session of the legislature.

"Not to my knowledge," the mother replied. Inman asked further questions to bring out every move made

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### TO HOLD FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Special Services To Open At St. Marys Catholic Church Tomorrow

The Forty Hours devotion services will open at the St. Marys Catholic church in this city Friday morning, immediately following the funeral services for C. S. Niblick. Mr. Niblick's funeral will be held at 9 o'clock and the opening mass of the Forty Hours will be held sometime between 10 and 10:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Michael, Andrew Chapman, associate Editor of "Our Sunday Visitor," published at Huntington, will be in charge of the special services on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Rev. Chapman spoke here about a year ago at the Knights of Columbus hall. He is an able speaker and has met with great success in conducting Forty Hours in other parishes in Indiana. On Saturday morning, the Forty Hours mass will be held at 8:30 o'clock. There will also be earlier masses for those who wish to attend.

On Sunday, masses will be held at 5, 7:30 and 9:45 a. m. Sunday will be general communion day for the entire congregation and Holy communion will be distributed during the 5 and 7:30 masses.

The evening services will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will consist of prayer and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament and a sermon by Rev. Chapman. The Rev. Father Max Benzinger, pastor of the Catholic church at Hesens Castle and well-known in this city, will assist at the confessional services Friday.