

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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# VOTERS ELECTING CITY OFFICERS TODAY

## MORE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS CLAIM OF PROSECUTION

Telling Point Scored Today By State In Stephenson Murder Trial

## CLAIM INFECTION IN WOUNDS KILLED GIRL

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Another telling point supporting the state's claim that Madge Oberholtzer died from infection developing in her wounds was brought out today at the trial of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry.

The wounds, the state charges, in its murder case against the three men, were inflicted during an attack on a train ride from Indianapolis to Hammond last March.

Dr. J. M. MacDonald, an expert witness called in the state, testified that bichloride of mercury rarely produces a high temperature in a person who has taken it.

**Had High Temperature**

The temperature of Miss Oberholtzer just before her death was more than 106 degrees, Dr. MacDonald testified.

This fact, he asserted, pointed to infection from her wounds as the cause of her death rather than bichloride of mercury taken after the alleged attack.

If the infection from her wounds had continued for several days, it is probable that the infection was the cause of her high temperature," he said.

As the state continued building up its expert testimony pointing to the infection as the cause of Miss Oberholtzer's death, Stephenson lost the buoyant air which characterized his attitude early in the trial.

Stephenson leaned back in his chair, listening attentively to the testimony of Dr. MacDonald, who followed Dr. Virgil Moon, Indiana University pathologist, on the stand.

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—A stubborn attempt to tear down the damaging testimony of Dr. Virgil Moon, pathologist, was made by defense attorneys today in the murder trial of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry.

As a state witness, Dr. Moon had testified that Miss Madge Oberholtzer, for whose death the three defendants are being tried, might have died from blood poisoning resulting from infected teeth wounds.

Eph Inman, chief defense attorney, questioned Dr. Moon on every medical angle of the case in an attempt to show that Miss Oberholtzer died from the self-administered poison.

His questions revealed the theory of the defense that the girl died from

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## TWO FROM HERE SEEK CLEMENCY

Donald McDaniels And Fred Waggoner Among Those Seeking Pardons

Indianapolis, Nov. 3.—(United Press)—One hundred and forty-eight petitions for executive clemency were heard by the state pardons board at its next session Nov. 9 to 19. It was announced today.

Of the petitions filed 128 are new cases while twenty have been re-opened.

Violators of the liquor law were the most numerous of those seeking pardons.

Among those whose petitions will be acted upon are:

Allen county—Emmett Sturtz, obstructing railroad track; George Short, intent to rape; John Vernon Worton, grand larceny; Ralph Shanks, highway robbery; Harry H. Bricker, vehicle taking; George Morrison, life, rape.

Adams county—Donald McDaniels, assault and battery with intent to rob; Fred Waggoner, forgery.

## Sen. Robinson To Speak At Seymour On Sunday

Seymour, Ind., Nov. 3.—Senator Arthur R. Robinson, of Indianapolis, will be the principal speaker at a men's meeting to be held Sunday afternoon in a local theater.

Plans are being made to entertain at least 1,500 men.

## TO CONDUCT TAG DAY ON SATURDAY

### Volunteers Of America To Seek Funds Here For Carrying On Work

Permission has been given to a representative of the Volunteers of America to hold a "Children's Heart-Tag Day" in Decatur on Saturday, November 7, as has been done in other nearby communities. This organization "has established itself on a very high plane," says the secretary of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, "being recognized as worthy by our community chest, which subjects all its beneficiaries to most exacting test."

The affair will be sponsored by the following well-known leaders in civic and clerical circles: Mayor H. M. DeVoss, Rev. Father Selmetz, Rev. B. N. Covert, Mrs. Faye Smith-Knapp and Mrs. F. W. Downs.

The Volunteers of America, organized more than thirty years ago by Gen. Bolling Booth, is a national institution, having one or more headquarters in every state in the Union.

One department of its activities is spiritual work among prisoners of penal institutions and for this home missionary work clergymen are regularly employed by the organization. Another commendable phase of Mr. Booth's work is looking after the families of prisoners left destitute while the father serves his sentence.

Said a representative of the Volunteers of America, "We find that when a man is convicted it generally leaves the family about penniless, that the mother moves from the place of trial to keep her neighbors from knowing her husband is a convict. This reticence on the part of the mother often results in great suffering to herself and children rather than expose their humiliating position by applying for public aid. There may be

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## PLAN MEMORIAL FOR MR. NIBLICK

### Plans Under Way For Public Meeting In Honor Of Decatur Banker Sunday

Plans are under way for holding a public memorial for Charles S. Niblick, whose death occurred last Wednesday.

Tentative plans as outlined by a committee sponsoring the memorial meeting call for the holding of the service Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the new Catholic school building on Fourth street. A program is being arranged and will be announced within a day or two.

Mr. Niblick was one of the leading citizens of Decatur and a number of his friends desire to hold the memorial in order that those who wish to pay a tribute to him might do so.

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## Telephone Lineman Is Electrocuted In Greenfield

Greenfield, Ind., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—William White, 26, Indianapolis, an employee of the Greenfield Telephone company, was electrocuted by coming in contact with a high tension wire while installing a telephone.

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## Four Youngsters Are Born To Wisconsin Couple In One Year

Manitowoc, Wis., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Four youngsters have been

born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maas of the town of Maple Grove, near here, within the past year. The first child was born Nov. 12. Yesterday, Mrs. Maas gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy. The girls weighed four and one half pounds and four and three quarter pounds, while the boy tipped the scales at six pounds.

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## Interurban Strikes Auto

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Three people are recovering from injuries sustained when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a traction car near here yesterday.

The injured are James Ehrman and wife, and Mrs. Leonard Schlepp of Colburn, Ind.

## Girl Double of Prince Held



JACQUELINE ROGERS & PRINCE OF WALES

Jacqueline Rogers, pretty 23-year-old Greenwich Village, N. Y., girl, arrested for auto-theft, is said to have confessed to stealing 40 machines. In the village, because of her striking likeness to the Prince of Wales—shown below—she was known as "the Prince."

## 73 WITNESSES TO BE CALLED

### Defense In Mitchell Court Martial To Call Three Cabinet Members

Washington, Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Prosecution in the court-martial today garnished the request of the defense for subpoenas of 73 witnesses, including three cabinet members and adjourned the trial until next Monday to permit their examination by defense counsel.

The court, earlier in today's session, had overruled a motion by Mitchell to have a verdict of "not guilty" returned.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Holding that army prosecutors had failed to make a case against him, Colonel William Mitchell today threw his court-martial into another legal tussle and for the third time sought to have the proceedings quashed.

The latest legal maneuver by the flying colonel—a motion to strike out all charges and specifications—based on the contention that prosecutors did not substantiate accusations of the war department, was pressed when court convened.

The motion was made late yesterday when the army rested its case after establishing that Mitchell had issued his statement condemning the court.

Everything was running along smoothly after the rush of Saturday and Monday and this morning the county treasurer and his deputy started to clear the desks of details and letters which arrived during the last two days containing checks and money orders for the tax payments. Very few delinquents were found, it was stated this morning, and by the time all accounts are credited it is believed that the amount of delinquent taxes will be smaller this year than last year.

Saturday was the busiest day during the tax-paying season and the total collections for the two days ran more than \$100,000.

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## Weather

Increasing cloudiness with probably showers in southwestern portion to night and in west and south portion Wednesday. Warmer in east and south portion tonight.

## Decatur County Wants New State Highways

Greensburg, Ind., Nov. 3.—The local Rotary club has appointed a committee composed of E. J. Hancock, Walter Bonner, Stanton Guthrie, John Schumaker, Robert St. John and Rollin Turner, to urge the state highway commission to include Decatur county in the 1926 road improvement program.

## BANDIT'S BODY IS IDENTIFIED

### Dutch Anderson's Remains Recognized By Man Who Knew Him Personally

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 3.—Identification of the bandit slain here Saturday night as the notorious George "Dutch" Anderson was regarded as complete at police headquarters here today following arrival of George Pace of Toledo, federal secret service agent, who knew the outlaw personally.

Pace readily identified the body as that of Anderson, confirming the previous reports of Police Lieutenant Roy W. Ferris, who made the finger print tests of A. W. Hamilton, post-office inspector from Grand Rapids, and of Bert Brown, in charge of Detroit secret service.

While Anderson's body lay under guard at Clock undertaking parlors here, members of the police force joined in preparation for the funeral of Detective Charles Hammond.

Hammond was mortally wounded by Anderson while trying to arrest him for passing counterfeit money. The bandit was slain by his own revolver, however, as Hammond's last act in line of duty was to wrench it from him and fatally wound Anderson.

Workers hope to advance that total to near the 3,000 mark this year. Democratic workers predict that every man on their ticket will be elected by a comfortable majority, while republican workers hope to elect one or two candidates at least.

A heavy morning vote was recorded at all the polls.

Few irregularities were reported at any of the voting places and little challenging was done. The "last minute forces" were organizing at noon today in an effort to get every eligible voter to the polls by 5 o'clock.

The heaviest voting was reported at the Third ward. A precinct, where more than half of the voters had cast their ballots by noon. The Daily Democrat will receive the returns tonight and the public is cordially invited to come here for returns on the election here and also other city elections.

## CLUB ROUND-UP PLANS COMPLETE

### Details Arranged For Meeting Of Farm Club Members Here Saturday

All details have been arranged for the big county farm club round-up, to be held in this city Saturday, November 7. The dinner at noon, which will be furnished by the farmers, will be served at the old gymnasium, corner First and Jackson streets, and every member of the Decatur Industrial Association is invited to attend.

Plans are being made to serve several hundred people and the farmers have assured County Agent L. M. Busche that they will bring well-filled baskets for the dinner. The farmers requested that they be permitted to bring the food for the dinner and they will be in charge of the serving.

The members of the junior corn and sugar beet clubs will bring their exhibits of corn and beets to this city Friday and place them in the tent to be erected on Liberty Way.

On Saturday, the members of the calf club will bring in their calves and prizes will be awarded. In the afternoon there will be a program at the old gym, to be followed by a parade of the dairy calves later in the afternoon. The event promises to be one of the most interesting and happy events ever held in this city, and those in charge of the details are making every effort to make it a great success.

A. D. Suttles, general chairman of the several committees met with County Agent Busche last evening and disposed of details pertaining to the event.

## Woman Born In Slavery Dies At Age Of 125 Years

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 3.—Born in slavery, in Tennessee, 125 years ago, Elizabeth Cornell, thought to have been the oldest woman in Indiana, is dead here today.

## OFFICIALS BEING ELECTED IN 93 CITIES IN INDIANA; MANY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES ARE TAKING VOTE

Unusually Large Vote Is Predicted In Decatur; Voting Is Heavy Soon After Polls Open; Democrats Claim Victory For Entire Ticket Here; Walker Favored By Odds Of 15-1 In New York City Election; Close Fights Predicted In Fort Wayne And Indianapolis.

With the prediction of the heaviest vote in the history of Decatur municipal elections, workers for both democratic and republican parties started early this morning gathering in the votes and urging all voters to vote the straight ticket.

Until the last few days, the Decatur city election has been comparatively quiet, but candidates have been canvassing the town and they all predict a heavy vote. In 1921, when H. M. DeVoss was swept into the mayoralty office and the entire democratic ticket, with the exception of one councilman, was elected, there were 2,560 votes cast.

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## SAYS POLICEMEN ACCEPTED BRIBES

Attorney Claims 300 Officers Were On Payroll Of Notorious Bootleggers

Chicago, Nov. 3.—(United Press)—With betting off as high as 15 to 1 on State Senator "Jimmy" Walker, Tammany nominee, New York City voted today on a new mayor. Backers of Fred D. Waterman, fountain pen manufacturer and republican candidate, continued to predict a victory, but it was generally predicted that Walker would roll up a 2 to 1 majority.

Weather conditions were unfavorable to a large vote. It was gray, damp day with the temperature hovering near 40 degrees.

With the total registration only 1,240,000, an evidence of the pathetic campaign, the vote is not expected to

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## BULLETIN

The snow factory will not open until Thursday morning, it was announced late this afternoon.

## CHURCH TO HOLD FIVE-DAY BAZAAR

St. Mary's Catholic Church To Stage Event Here November 24 To 28

Plans are going forward for the five-day bazaar to be given in the auditorium of the new Catholic school building, November 24 to 28, inclusive.

On the closing night, a Ford touring car will be given away and tickets on the same can be purchased now. One of the features of the week will be the serving of dinner and supper on Thanksgiving day. Supper will be served each evening, also, and the women are now busy appointing committees and arranging for the meals on those days. Everything will be home cooked and the public is invited to attend.

Booths will be arranged in the building and attractive articles will be sold each evening. Fancy work, household articles and the like will have a prominent place on the stands and the exhibit promises to be one of the finest ever shown at a church bazaar.