

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

Vol. XXIII. Number 264.

Decatur, Indiana, Saturday, November 7, 1925.

Price 2 Cents.

## RAIN FAILS TO HALT CLUB ROUND-UP

### DEFENSE DEALS BLOW TO DEATH BED STATEMENT

Witnesses Discredit Story That Stephenson Kidnapped Miss Oberholtzer

### SAY COUPLE WERE ON FRIENDLY TERMS

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Noblesville, Nov. 7.—A direct blow at the story of Madge Oberholtzer that she was kidnapped by D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, was struck with unexpected suddenness by the defense today.

Stephenson and his aides are on trial for first degree murder for the girl's death from poison taken after the alleged abduction and assault.

James Lambert, assistant manager of the Washington hotel in Indianapolis, testified that he saw Miss Oberholtzer sitting alone in a large auto in front of the hotel on March 15, in the evening.

The girl spoke to him and talked to him for a moment as he passed, Lambert said.

The dying declaration of Miss Oberholtzer, the keystone of the state's murder case, declared she was compelled to accompany Stephenson under threat of death if she resisted.

During the auto ride from Stephenson's home to the Union station in Indianapolis a revolver was held at her side and she was told she would be shot if she screamed, the statement said.

Before calling Lambert, the defense introduced several witnesses to show that the girl had been on friendly terms with Stephenson for several months.

Lambert testified that he remembered well the meeting with the girl on the night of her alleged abduction.

"She had introduced herself to me at the hotel one night in January," Lambert said.

The night she introduced herself she asked for Stephenson.

"I asked her to wait a moment and rang his room, but he was out. I saw her on another occasion after that before the night of her disappearance."

Mrs. E. B. Schultz, of Laurel, Indiana, told of a visit of Stephenson and Miss Oberholtzer to her country home one night last November.

Miss Oberholtzer seemed very friendly with the man and before they departed asked him "hadn't we better leave dear?" Mrs. Schultz said.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

### Sanders Starts On Vacation

Washington, November 7.—(United Press)—Everett Sanders, secretary to President Coolidge today started a "vacation" of a week or ten days to recover from a bad cold which has resulted in sinus infection. Sanders will spend his leave away from Washington.

### MAY ARREST OHIO TRUCK DRIVERS

### Indiana Public Service Commission Threatens Reprisal Measures

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—Wholesale arrest of Ohio truck drivers operating in Indiana was threatened today by the Indiana public service commission as a reprisal against arrest of Indiana operators by Ohio authorities.

The decision of the commission to adopt reprisal measures came at the close of a conference held late yesterday with Indiana bus owners.

At the conference it was charged that Ohio authorities have adopted a policy of intimidating and threatening truck and bus operators from out-

### Welcomed



MR & MRS PHILIP PLANT

### EFFORT TO SWAY OPINION CHARGED

Attorney For Dr. Blazer Alleges Prosecutor Made Unfair Statements

By Stanley Whitaker (United Press Staff Correspondent) Littleton, Col., Nov. 7.—(United Press)—Charging the prosecution with attempts to sway public opinion to bring about conviction of Dr. Harold E. Blazer, aged physician, on trial for the murder of his imbecile daughter, Hazel, 32 years old, Lewis Mowry, chief defense counsel today indicated he might ask removal of District Attorney Joel Stone as prosecutor.

Mowry's charges gave hints of a new sensation as the fourth day of the trial opened in the drab little courthouse of the Arapahoe county courthouse.

The defense counsel's charges are based on public statements he said Stone made, relative to the case.

"The actions of the district attorney in attempting to prejudice public opinion previous to the trial are without precedent in the history of jurisprudence," Mowry told the United Press today.

District Attorney Stone has made public statements in an effort to sway public opinion and bring about conviction of my client. In a statement appearing under his name, Stone said he would resist injection of "maudlin sympathy" in the case.

"Ethical jurisprudence frowns upon trying any case in the public press," Mowry said.

With completion of a jury and taking of testimony under way, the defense was elated today over testimony of Dr. Hugh B. Aldredge, state witness. Aldredge said that Blazer might have been insane when he administered chloroform to his helpless daughter as a merciful act.

The state has indicated it will attempt to convict Dr. Blazer on the ground that one has the right to take a human life and that the imbecile daughter "suffered the same torments, the same agony, the same pain, mental and physical, as any other normal person when the deadly poison was forced into her system."

### ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES OF INJURIES

#### Injuries Sustained In Auto Accident Prove Fatal To Albert Baumgartner

Albert Baumgartner, 52, of Berne, who was injured last Tuesday night at 5:30 o'clock in an automobile accident southwest of this city when the car he was driving towards this city collided with a Buick touring car driven by A. H. Whitaere of Jerry City, Ohio, lost in his battle for life at the Adams County Memorial hospital.

Mr. Baumgartner died at 3:50 o'clock Friday afternoon after a strenuous effort had been made to save his life. Following the accident he was brought to the hospital in this city and late Tuesday night an operation was performed on the fracture.

Mr. Baumgartner never regained complete consciousness after the accident. Immediately after his death, the body was removed to Berne where arrangements will be made for the funeral.

Albert Baumgartner was born on the farm two and one-half miles northwest of Berne on which he has lived all his life. He was born in 1873, and received his early education in the Adams county schools. After his first wife died a few months after their marriage and several years later he married Miss Theodore Sprunger, a daughter of the late Reverend S. S. Sprunger.

To this union, seven children were born all of whom survive. There are five boys and two girls all at home. Mrs. Baumgartner also survives. Mr. Baumgartner was a well-known and progressive farmer of this county and his many friends extend their sympathy to the family.

#### Kin Hubbard Victim Of Youthful Bandit

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 7.—(United Press)—The laugh of Kin Hubbard, Indianapolis humorist, failed him today.

A youthful bandit greeted the creator of "Abe Martin" with a revolver when he got home late yesterday.

Reluctantly Kin turned over a diamond ring and climbed back in his auto to drive the bandit downtown.

"You have been a gentleman," the youth told Hubbard as he ordered the auto out of the car and sped away.

A few minutes later the bandit

robbed a grocery store of \$170 and then abandoned Hubbard's auto.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

### Decapitated Body Of Man Found On Engine's Pilot

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—Police today sought to identify the body of a man found on the pilot of a fast Pennsylvania passenger train last night.

The man's head and legs had been cut off by the engine. Trainmen were unaware they had hit anyone until the body was found.

### Two Suburbs Oppose Annexation By Hammond

Gary, Ind., Nov. 7.—Strident objections were being voiced by Highland today to the attempt of the Hammond city council to annex it and Munster, small communities adjoining it to the south.

The annexation would make Hammond a city of about forty square miles.

### Auto Parked By Road Is Wrecked By Dynamite

Greencastle, Ind., Nov. 7.—(United Press)—County authorities today attempted to trap the man who blew up the auto of Leonard Snoddy, of Indianapolis.

Snoddy, accompanied by four other men, came here to hunt, leaving the machine parked by the road.

When they returned they found the car was wrecked by dynamite.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

### TAG DAY POSTPONED

Heavy Downpour Causes Delay In Drive For Volunteers Of America Until November 14

Owing to the incessant downpour today it was decided to postpone the tag day of the Volunteers of America from today until next Saturday, November 14. Several of the children started to sell the little red heart tags this morning before it was decided to postpone the drive, and several dollars were donated by local citizens.

It was announced today that the same persons will have charge of the tag day next Saturday as were to be in charge today and the same prizes will be awarded to the children raising the largest sum of money from the sale of tags.

### RETURNS FROM JUDGING TRIP

F. E. Christen, Of Decatur Is Trying Out For Purdue Poultry Judging Team

F. E. Christen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christen of near here, who is a student at Purdue University where he is specializing in Poultry Husbandry, has just returned from an extensive judging trip over northeastern Indiana. Mr. Christen is trying out for the Poultry Judging Team which will compete at an Intercollegiate contest to be held at the Chicago Poultry Show December 9-10.

It will be remembered that while in Decatur high school, he was treasurer of the freshman class, on the staff of Ravelings and was on the varsity baseball team. While at Purdue University, Mr. Christen has made an excellent record, being a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the honorary agriculture fraternity, Alpha Zeta, president of the Egg Show Committee, president of the Sophomore class, chairman of the Junior Prom Committee, on the Agricultural staff for the last three years and is managing editor this year. He is a member of the Purdue Agricultural Society, Poultry Club and Pan Hellenic council and is one of the most active students in the university.

The company also installed the following cooking rates:

First 300 KWH used per mo., \$0.66 Next 300 KWH used per mo., .05 Next 200 KWH used per mo., .04 Next 500 KWH used per mo., .04 Next 1000 KWH used per mo., .033 Next 2000 KWH used per mo., .03

For class "B":

First 500 KWH used per mo., \$0.04

Next 500 KWH used per mo., .0312

Next 1000 KWH used per mo., .03

Next 2000 KWH used per mo., .0212

Class "B" to include lights on power schedule.

The Light Company now offered the following rates, which have been accepted:

First 300 KWH used per mo., \$0.66

Next 300 KWH used per mo., .0512

Next 400 KWH used per mo., .05

Next 500 KWH used per mo., .0412

Next 1000 KWH used per mo., .0312

Minimum monthly charge of 50c per H. P. connected.

The company also installed the following cooking rates:

All current used per months at 5c per KWH. If payment is made within ten days of date of bill, 4c.

Minimum charge per month per meter, \$3.00. This will include electric sweepers and irons and washing machines and any other motors a person may have in the house.

All industries in Berne which have

50-horse-power connected load now

get their lights at the same rate as power. Hereafter they need only one meter in their establishment.

At present this will affect only

The Dunbar Furniture company,

American Mill company and the Gottschall Tile mill.

The question of lower rates for lights for the town and homes will be taken up next.

Ohio Leads Indiana

7-0 At End Of Half

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—Handicapped by a driving rain and a soggy field, Coach Navy Bill Ingram's Indiana grididers clashed with Ohio here today.

Forty thousand fans, including 800 Indiana students, who came here by special train, attended the game.

The Buckeye warriors, with sharp

recollections of last year's defeat spur

ring them on, went into the fray with a vengeance.

Fighting hard, the Buckeyes ad

vanced to Indiana's 10-yard line but the Scrappin' Hoosiers held there and took the ball on downs.

Elmer Marek, sensational Ohio left

half was hurt and was replaced by

Wendler. The field was a sea of mud. As the quarter ended, Marks,

Indiana captain, after a long run tumbled and Ohio regained the ball on her own 27-yard line. Score, Ohio

State, 0; Indiana, 0.

The Buckeyes scored a touchdown

in the second quarter, Cunningham

going over for the touchdown. The

goal was kicked. The half ended with the score: Ohio, 7; Indiana, 0.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

FOOTBALL SCORES

First Quarter

Notre Dame, 0; Penn State, 0.

Dartmouth, 14; Cornell, 13.

Yale, 7; Maryland, 7.

Pittsburgh, 0; Washington, 0.

Ohio Wes. 0; Syracuse, 0.

Penn, 12; Haverford, 0.

Chicago, 0; Illinois, 0.

Michigan, 0; Northwestern, 3.

Minnesota, 7; Butler, 7.

First Half

Princeton, 24; Harvard, 0.

(CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

Cable Ship Damaged During Terrific Storm

London, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—

With part of her superstructure

crashed away by a terrific storm in

mid-Atlantic the Anglo-American Tele-

graph company's cable ship Lord Kel-

vin, today sent forth an urgent call

for aid, according to messages from