

RAIN FAILS TO HALT CLUB ROUND-UP

DEFENSE DEALS BLOW TO DEATH BED STATEMENT

Witnesses Discredit Story That Stephenson Kidnaped 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. Schultzer, 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. Schultzer

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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-

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Welcomed



MR. & MRS. PHILIP PLANT

Constance Bennett, of the stage and screen, saw the perfect climax to her elopement with Philip Plant, of New York, heir to \$11,000,000, when she learned that his mother approved of the young couple's marriage.

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. Whitacre 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. 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 owner 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.

EFFORT TO SWAY OPINION CHARGED

Attorney For Dr. Blazer Alleges Prosecutor Made Unfair Statements

By Stanley Whitaker
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Little Rock, 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 courtroom 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."

Claims Husband Was Married At Time He Eloped With Her

Chicago, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—Charging that her husband was married at the time he eloped with her to Crown Point, Ind., Mrs. Simonne M. Beetley, woman automobile racer, filed suit here for annulment of her marriage to Clyde Beetley, pianist.

The annulment bill charges that Beetley had not secured a divorce from Mrs. Peggy McCann Beetley, St. Louis chorus girl, at the time of his second marriage.

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.—Strenuous 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.

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 Rayelings 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, chairman of the Junior Prom committee, on the Agriculturalist staff to ride 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.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

First Regular Meeting Of Club Year To Be Held At H. S. Auditorium

The first regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Monday evening at the High School Auditorium at 7:45 o'clock. A short business session will be held after which two one-act plays will be given.

The first play, "My Lady Dreams," is a forty-minute play and is laid in My Lady's boudoir. My Lady is portrayed by Mrs. James Arnold; the little old lady, Mrs. Martin Van Alsbury; the other woman, Miss Veronica Anker; the maid, Miss Josephine Myers; and the two children, Mary Neptune and Miriam Haley.

The second play, which will be presented, "The Turn of a Hair," is a beauty parlor scene in which the troubles of a bride, her mother and mother-in-law are unloaded to the operator, Pounce, which part is taken by Mrs. J. R. Blair. The other characters are the bride, Miss Mar-

Bootlegger's War Looms In Indianapolis Today

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—A bootlegger's war loomed in Indianapolis today when police received reports of renewed activity by hi-jackers after several weeks of quiet.

Several persons reported to headquarters that their machines had been stopped by armed men and searched for whiskey.

Weather

Rain Saturday; colder in northwest portion Sunday; rain or snow followed by fair, colder.

POWER RATES IN BERNE REDUCED

Insul Interests Grant Low- er Rates For Electric Current

(Special To Daily Democrat)
Berne, Nov. 7.—Lower rates for electric current used by residents of Berne and in the local industries, have been granted by the Insul Interests according to word received here. Negotiations have been going on for some time between the Berne Industrial Association and the Insul Interests which purchased the Berne Electric Light company recently.

The Berne Industrial Association had divided the consumers of electric current into two classes—the small and large—or class "A" consumers and class "B" consumers. It asked for the following rates for class "A": First 100 KWH used per mo., \$0.06 Next 200 KWH used per mo., .05 Next 200 KWH used per mo., .04 Next 500 KWH used per mo., .03 Next 1000 KWH used per mo., .03 Next 2000 KWH used per mo., .03

For class "B": First 500 KWH used per mo., \$0.04 Next 500 KWH used per mo., .03 Next 1000 KWH used per mo., .03 Next 2000 KWH used per mo., .02 1/2 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., \$0.06 Next 300 KWH used per mo., .05 Next 400 KWH used per mo., .05 Next 500 KWH used per mo., .04 1/2 Next 500 KWH used per mo., .04 All over 2000 KWH used per mo., .03 1/2 Minimum monthly charge of 50c per H. P. connected.

The company also installed the following cooking rates:

All current used per month 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 Milk company and the Gottschalk 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 gridders 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 spurring them on, went into the fray with a vengeance.

Fighting hard, the Buckeyes advanced to Indiana's 15-yard line but the Scrapper 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 fumbled 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.

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.

Confident



Mrs. William Mitchell, wife of the doughty colonel fighting court-martial charges at Washington, is by his side constantly during the hearings, confident that he will be exonerated fully after the evidence is heard.

ANDREWS SPEAKS TO DRY WORKERS

Tells Anti-Saloon League That All Communities Must Aid Enforcement

Chicago, Nov. 7.—The federal government cannot carry the burden of prohibition enforcement—each community must police itself so far as local law violations are concerned, Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of prohibition enforcement, declared today in an address before the national convention of the Anti-Saloon league of America.

"The successful outcome of the prohibition law demands, on the part of the Anti-Saloon league, the W. C. T. U. and all other organizations interested in community welfare as affected by prohibition, that they seriously and vigorously resume the campaign designed to bring about a state of mind in the communities which not only believes in prohibition, but insists upon its observance and enforcement, particularly by those holding public office," Andrews said.

The federal government, Andrews asserted will have done its full duty when it eliminates the sources of supply and the traffic in liquor from one section of the country to another.

Andrews said that the object of the recent organization of the government's enforcement forces was to "put more punch into law enforcement." Close cooperation with the department has been arranged, he pointed out, to make the machinery of enforcement efficient.

United States Senator Morris Shephard of Texas, the man who introduced in the senate the resolution to adopt the eighteenth amendment, was another speaker at today's session of the convention. He told his audience that "prohibition is one of the most powerful forces for the promotion of the principles that have given our country leadership" from the beginning of its history.

"No more vicious and more terrible menace to individual initiative, freedom," he said.

Cable Ship Damaged During Terrific Storm

London, Nov. 7.—(United Press)—With part of her super-structure crashed away by a terrific storm in mid-Atlantic the Anglo-American Telegraph company's cable ship Lord Kelvin, today sent forth an urgent call for aid, according to messages from Valentia and Lorient today.

Besides sweeping off part of the superstructure the storm was reported to have damaged the bow part of its salon and deckhouse.

HUNDREDS TAKE PART IN CLOSE OF CLUB WORK

Products Displayed In Tent On Liberty Way; Prizes Are Awarded

FARMERS GIVE DINNER FOR THE MERCHANTS

Not disheartened in the least by the heavy rain which has been falling in this county for the last 12 hours, farm club members, their parents and friends and others interested in the final club round-up, came to Decatur today to take part in the final day of the program.

Thirty-two of the 36 members in the calf club braved the weather and brought their entries to the exhibit today. The calves were housed in the big tent on Liberty Way and hundreds of interested people visited the tent and were thoroughly pleased with the exhibits.

To Glen Rupert of Washington township goes the honor of having the best exhibit of ten ears of corn in the Adams county corn club. Elva M. Gilliam, of French township, was awarded first place in the best club exhibit. Hundreds of ears of corn and beets were brought to Decatur today for the round-up.

Farmers Serve Dinner

A pot-luck dinner, furnished by the farmers of this community and served at the old gymnasium at noon today with the Decatur Industrial Association as guests, brought hundreds of people to the celebration. Several short talks were given after dinner. The arrangements were in charge of A. D. Suttles of this city, and other members of the Industrial Association, working in conjunction with L. M. Busche, county agent.

Some of the plans had to be altered because of the heavy rain and the calf club parade, scheduled for this afternoon, was cancelled. Great interest has been shown all year in the junior farm clubs and everybody is of the opinion that the clubs have been a great success.

The corn club members and the rank of their ten samples displayed today are as follows: Glen Rupert, Washington township; Herman Patterson, Blue Creek; Truman Holle, Union; Clifford Simons, Wabash; Robert L. Bryan, Wabash; Abraham Lehman, Wabash; Gilbert Glendenning, Hartford; Russel Mitchell, Monroe; Simon Schwartz, Monroe; David Graber, Monroe; Doyle Smith, Washington; Martin Habegger, Monroe; Edward Geimer, Union; Floyd Rupert, Washington; Eli Schwartz, Monroe; Calvin Steury, Monroe; Henry Busche, Washington; Lawrence Blum, Monroe; Leo McAhren, Washington; Raymond Borne, Preble; Franklin Mazelin, Monroe; Theodora Mason, Wabash; George Moser, French; Robert Studler, Hartford; Solomon Eicher, Hartford; Eldred Shifferly, St. Marys; Wayne Hohnert, Blue Creek; Lewis Martin, Hartford; Ivan Huser, Wabash; Sylvan Habegger, Monroe; Leonard Grandliand, French; Ralph McClan, Monroe; Joe Schreck, Monroe.

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TO SELL PRIZE WINNING APPLES

J. O. Tricker To Give Proceeds From Sale To Charitable Organization

J. O. Tricker, who resides two miles east of Decatur, has formulated a unique plan to dispose of a bushel of blue ribbon apples that he has successfully exhibited at the various fairs in this part of the country this year. The bushel of apples has won 22 first premiums at the exhibits. They will be placed in the window at the Schmitt Meat Market next week and will be sold next Saturday morning to the highest bidder.

The money obtained from the apples will be given to a charitable organization of Decatur or Adams county.

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