

STATE REFUTES TESTIMONY OF DEFENSE

KRICK TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITHIN A WEEK

Mayor-Elect To Appoint Officers To Fill Several Positions In City TO CONSULT WITH COUNCIL ON MATTER

George Krick, mayor-elect of Decatur, announced this morning that he would make his appointments some time within the next week.

The law now gives the mayor the power to appoint the chief of police and all other policemen; the members of the city health board; the fire chief; the street commissioner and the city engineer.

On the health board there are three members, namely Dr. J. M. Miller, secretary; Dr. H. E. Keller and Mrs. J. H. Heller.

Amos Fisher was appointed fire chief by Mayor DeVoss and this office will also be filled by Mr. Krick's appointment.

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HIGH SCHOOL A. A. WILL GIVE DANCE

Athletic Association to Hold Social Event At Masonic Hall Friday Night

The high school athletic association will give a dance in the Masonic Hall Friday evening.

The ball room will be decorated in the school's colors for the occasion and several specialty numbers will be given.

Origin Of Elephant Rock Determined

Mr. French Quinn, well-known Decatur citizen, recently sent a sample of Elephant Rock, the large boulder being moved to this city to be dedicated as a memorial to Gene Stratton Porter.

"Dear Sir: The sample rock which you sent me is called 'gneiss.' It is probably a metamorphosed granite which had its home somewhere in the old crystalline belt of rocks in Canada.

"The rock is composed of minerals such as feldspar, quartz, hornblende, mica, pyrite, and smaller quantities of other minerals. The minerals are in the form of crystals of varying size.

"It seems to me fitting that this boulder, the result of the operation of one of Nature's marvelous laws, should be erected in memory of one who was a lover of Nature in its varied forms and who strove for the preservation of natural environments.

Health Board Wants Case Venued From Marion Co.

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—(United Press)—A change of venue from Marion county today was being sought by members of the state board of health in their fight to oust Dr. William F. King as secretary of the board.

A hearing on the petition will be held Thursday before Special Judge Cren Hack in superior court.

The petition for change was filed by Dr. Victor Kene, member of the board.

ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVED HERE

Factory Whistles Blow, Bells Ring And Business Is Halted Few Minutes

The blowing of factory whistles, ringing of bells and silence in all stores and factories at 11 o'clock this morning, carried the thoughts of Decatur people back to that joyful event of seven years ago, when word was flashed around the world that an armistice had been signed by the warring nations and the World War, the most bloody conflict the world has ever known, was ended.

In addition to the observance mentioned above, the day was appropriately observed in the schools of the city, and the banks were closed all day.

U. S. SUBMITS PLAN TO ITALY

Government Makes Counter Proposal For Settlement Of War Debt

Washington, Nov. 11.—A counter proposal for settling Italy's \$2,128,000,000 war debt to the United States was submitted to the Italian debt commission by the American debt commission today.

The new proposal is understood to offer a compromise between the \$30,000,000 annual payment offered by Italy and the \$50,000,000 payment which had been asked by this country.

British Diplomat To Marry Chicago Heiress

Venice, Nov. 11.—(United Press)—Captain Peto of the British diplomatic service confirmed today reports of his engagement to Mary Landon Baker, Chicago heiress. He is departing soon for Morocco.

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"Yours sincerely, W. N. LOGAN, State Geologist."

McQuigg Outlines American Legion's Program For International Peace

National Commander Of Veterans' Organization Asks For Maintenance Of Adequate Forces For Defense At Home And Abroad; Prompt Enactment Into Law Of Principle Of Universal Draft; And Immediate Adherence By The United States To A Permanent Court Of International Justice.

(By John R. McQuigg, National Commander of the American Legion) Denver, Colo., Nov. 11.—Armistice day is a day of peace. One this day seven years ago the great guns fell silent on the western front.

Yet the men and women who formed America's forces in this greatest conflict of all time knew that their service was not ended with the war. So there came into existence the American Legion, born to keep alive, with the comradeship of war days, that spirit of service to country and sacrifice of self which had held America's soldiers on their post of duty through perils and privations.

Much has been done in the years since 1919 to give effect to that purpose of service through care of the war disabled, the orphans and widows, efforts for a better citizenship and a better preparation for it and work to make America greater with the years.

Now the legion turns to another problem, the supreme problem of this generation—that of organizing peace and justice among the nations. And so today as we pause to pay tribute to our comrades who died and to those who now lie maimed and pain-racked that peace might come, the American Legion offers this program for peace, calling for Maintenance of adequate forces for internal and external national defense.

Prompt enactment into law of the principle of the universal draft, taking the profit out of war and making its hardships and service and sacrifice equal for all.

Immediate adherence by the United States to a permanent court of international justice.

The veterans of the world war fought and suffered and died in the belief that the world was a war to end future wars. It is for us the living to make good that peace for them.

The American Legion takes up this task and on this eighth Armistice day offers its program for peace in the hope that thus the veterans who fought for peace may further serve America and mankind.

SAYS MAXIMUM OF TAX CUT REACHED

Chairman Of Ways And Means Committee Says No More Can Be Slashed

(By Paul R. Mallon, United Press staff correspondent) Washington, Nov. 11.—The nearly completed tax measure—shaving \$308,000,000 or more from the nation's annual payments—represents the absolute maximum to which the government can go in reducing revenues for many years to come.

"On the other hand if business has one bad year this bill might leave the government with a \$50,000,000 deficit.

"The bill represents the absolute minimum for safe operation of government under present conditions."

YOUTH FINED FOR FALSE RADIO CALL

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 11.—Operating a radio station without a license and broadcasting the false call, "8-COL," cost Roger Daugherty, 18, Dayton, \$25.

Daugherty was indicted by the federal grand jury in the first case of its kind in the country. The charges were based on provisions of a 1912 law. The youth appeared in court yesterday, pleaded guilty and was assessed the fine.

UNDERGOES AN OPERATION

Mrs. C. J. Voglweide underwent a major operation at the St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne, yesterday noon. She rallied from the operation and is resting as well as could be expected today.

Physicians are not alarmed over her condition and it is thought that she will get along nicely.

Charles Cutchan, driver of the car, was released on his own recognizance.

Weather Generally fair tonight and Thursday; moderate temperature.

COL. MITCHELL WINS ROUND IN COURT-MARTIAL

General Staff Officer Proves Excellent Witness For Flying Colonel

RIGHT TO PROVE CHARGES UPHELD

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Washington, Nov. 11.—A sweeping attack that enveloped the army general staff, the navy, the White House and the social organization of the army at the capital was unleashed at the Mitchell court-martial here today by Major Gerald C. Brant, general staff officer and a defense witness, in one of the most colorful sessions to date.

The day was marked as well by the collapse of Mrs. Robert Howse, wife of the president of the court-martial in the hearing room, and dramatic two-minute pause of the court with members standing facing the east, in memory of Armistice Day.

Washington, Nov. 11.—(United Press)—A clear cut ruling sustaining Colonel William Mitchell in his asserted right to an opportunity to prove the truth of his charges against the war and navy departments as a defense was handed down by the jury of generals at his court-martial here today.

On the technical question of summoning 36 out of town witnesses for Mitchell, the court ruled that the flying colonel was within his rights in offering testimony "as an absolute defense."

The ruling came after a question as to the purpose of the introduction of witnesses and testimony by the defense was raised by Colonel Blanton.

NEW COUNCIL TO NAME OFFICIALS

To Appoint Superintendents of Light and Water Depts., City Attorney

With a new city council elected and with the first of the year only seven weeks away, the appointments to be made by the council are being discussed and guesses made as to who will be appointed.

It is not thought that any changes will be made in the appointment of superintendents of the water and light departments of the city plant. The present officials in charge have been giving excellent work and have worked untiringly in the interest of the city plant.

M. J. Mylott, superintendent of the light and power department of the city plant, has held this office since November 16, 1927. He was appointed during the administration of Bart Quinn.

South Ward School Observes Armistice Day

An Armistice Day program was given in the South Ward school this afternoon. The program started at 3 o'clock. All patrons and friends of the school were invited to attend, personal letters having been sent out to many persons.

Star Spangled Banner School children Pledge to Flag Children An Address O. L. Vance America Children

Horse Thief Detectives Are Sued For \$50,000

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 11.—The Horse Thief Detective Association today faces a damage suit for \$50,000 as the result of a raid conducted here recently.

Maurice DiGirolamo and his wife have brought suit against the association charging that a raid conducted at his home was responsible for the death of the couple's unborn child.

It is charged that the tactics of the searchers were unnecessarily rough and caused the death of the child.

WOLFE TO TRY TO PROVE ALIBI

Will Attempt To Prove He Was Not Out Of Muncie At Time Of Murder

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 11.—(United Press)—The defense in the trial of Charles "One Arm" Wolfe, alleged accomplice of Dutch Anderson in the murder of Ben and Mary Hance, will contend that Wolfe was not out of Muncie on the afternoon of the slaying, was intimated today by John O'Neil, chief defense counsel in the questioning of a prospective juror.

More than 100 talesmen have now been examined and this afternoon there were two vacant seats and the possibility existed that several tentatively passed would be challenged. The fourth special venire was nearing exhaustion and a call for the fifth was expected to be made this afternoon.

M. E. MISSIONARY OFFICERS NAMED

Foreign Missionary Society Ends Convention At Bluffton This Afternoon

(Special to Daily Democrat) Bluffton, Nov. 11.—With the election of officers this afternoon and the completion of other business, the meeting of the Fort Wayne district of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society came to a close.

George Buck, of Fort Wayne, was elected president of the organization. Other officers elected were: Mrs. H. W. Monce, Garrett, first vice-president; Mrs. D. F. Geyer, of Fort Wayne, second vice-president; Mrs. A. C. Poulson, of Keystone, third vice-president; Mrs. Harshman, of Angola, fourth vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Hubler, of Hoagland, fifth vice-president; Mrs. Heber Humbarger, Decatur, sixth vice-president; Mrs. G. G. Wining, of Fort Wayne, treasurer; Mrs. E. H. Roe, Fort Wayne, contingent treasurer; Mrs. F. M. Price, Fort Wayne, recording secretary; Mrs. M. G. Norris, Fort Wayne, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. W. Morris, Fort Wayne, superintendent of Standard Bearers; Mrs. L. J. Folsom, Fort Wayne, superintendent of children's work; Mrs. H. H. Acheymer, Auburn, stewardship secretary; Mrs. W. H. Waterfall, Fort Wayne, extension secretary; Mrs. M. E. Smith, Hometown, superintendent.

NEW MEMBER TAKES LEAD

Herd Belonging To E. H. Kruetzman Is First In Cow Testing Association

That those farmers who were members of the Adams County Cow Testing association last year have not learned everything about feeding cows is shown in the fact that E. H. Kruetzman, Kirkland township farmer, who joined the association with the new year beginning October 1, held all members of the association for the month of October with an average of 28.9 pounds butterfat for each cow.

GERMANY REPLIES

Answers Allied Disarmament Inquiries In Message Delivered At Paris At Midnight.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—(United Press)—Germany's reply to the latest allied disarmament inquiries was delivered at Paris at midnight following an urgent telephone message from Ambassador Hoesch saying that unless there was immediate delivery, the alleviation of the Rhineland situation (evacuation of Cologne chiefly), desired by Germany, would not materialize.

(The allied note was in the nature of a final cleanup of the disarmament problem, calling attention of Germany to certain disarmament desires still entertained by the allies.)

FIANCE OF MISS OBERHOLTZER IS WITNESS TODAY

Tells Of Introducing His Sweetheart To Stephenson Last January

OTHER EVIDENCE OF DEFENSE IS REFUTED

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 11.—Glaring at the three men accused of murdering his sweetheart Stanley Hill today testified he introduced Miss Madge Oberholtzer to D. C. Stephenson at the inaugural ball for Governor Ed Jackson last January.

Hill appeared for the state in its presentation of rebuttal testimony in the trial of Stephenson and his two aides, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, charged with murder for the girl's death.

His testimony was offered by Prosecutor Remy to refute defense evidence attempting to show that Miss Oberholtzer had been friendly with Stephenson for months before her alleged kidnapping.

Meeting At Inaugural Ball Hill testified he had "kept company" with Miss Oberholtzer for more than a year and had seen her nearly every day during that time.

"I was secretary of the inaugural committee and had charge of seating arrangements for the governor's banquet," Hill testified.

"Madge Oberholtzer was there as my guest and helped me arrange the seating," Stephenson and a woman companion sat directly across the table from us.

"I introduced her to Stephenson as the guests came in. I was positive she had never met him before."

Defense witnesses had testified they had seen Miss Oberholtzer in company with Stephenson on several occasions prior to the governor's inauguration.

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Business Houses Close All Day At Winchester

Winchester, Ind., Nov. 11.—Every business house in this city will be closed all day today in celebration of Armistice Day.

The Izaak Walton League has completed arrangements for an all-day picnic to be held at Funk's Lake at which time there will be contests of all kinds.