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STEPHENSON TRIAL DRAWING TO CLOSE

LINE OF INQUIRY IS CHANGED TODAY BY COURT MARTIAL

Inquiry Into Charges Made By Mrs. Lansdowne Dropped For Present

WIDOW'S TESTIMONY IS LEFT ON RECORDS

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Washington, Nov. 13—Dropping for the moment the inquiry into alleged irregularities in connection with the testimony of Mrs. Margaret Ross Lansdowne at the investigation of the dirigible Shenandoah disaster, the court-martial trying Colonel "Billy" Mitchell for alleged insubordination today studied how much gas it would take to force evacuation of an area the size of the District of Columbia.

This line of inquiry was taken up after an unsuccessful effort had been made by the prosecution to strike from the records the testimony of Mrs. Lansdowne, widow of the Shenandoah's dead commander.

Brigadier General Hugh Drum, assistant chief of staff, precipitated the gas controversy in testimony before the president's special air board by declaring it would take vast quantities to force evacuation. His estimates have been disputed frequently by witnesses at the court-martial.

Foley to Resign

Washington, Nov. 13—Captain Paul Foley, accused of attempting to influence testimony to "whitewash" the navy in the Shenandoah disaster, today announced his intention to resign as judge advocate of the Shenandoah inquiry board and to take the stand to tell his story when the board reconvenes Monday.

Foley was refused permission to tell his version leading to the testimony of Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the fat commander, at the Mitchell court-martial today.

Factory At Evansville To Build Bus Bodies

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 12—(United Press)—The expenditure of \$125,000 to equip a plant to manufacture special bus bodies is planned by the Evansville Plating Mill company which recently purchased the Karges Wagon works.

One hundred men will be given employment when the new plant starts operation within a few weeks.

Muncie Manufacturer Ends Life With Gun

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 13—(United Press)—Respondent over ill health caused Alonso Bishop, 43, to commit suicide here last night, by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun.

Bishop was superintendent of the Rutherford Manufacturing company, where he had been employed for 30 years.

WIFE OF HENRY BRAUCH DIES

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Fearing He Would Kill Wife, Man Asks To Be Locked In Jail

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 13—(United Press)—Paul Rodenbeck was a willing prisoner today in the Allen county jail.

He asked to be locked up, saying he was afraid he would kill his wife and daughter and commit suicide if left at large.

Rodenbeck told police his wife had been running around with other men.

TAG DAY TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Children To Sell Little Red Heart Tags For Volunteers Of America

"Have a Heart," and He'll be the Unfortunate," will be the appeal of many Decatur youngsters who will be on the streets here tomorrow with their collection boxes and little red heart tags.

This is the annual appeal of the Volunteers of America, which was postponed from last Saturday, owing to the inclement weather.

The Volunteers of America carry on relief work among the families of men who are in penal institutions and who are without means of support. Any amount given to the children tomorrow for one of the little tags will be greatly appreciated and will be used in helping the unfortunate.

The following well-known citizens are sponsoring the tag day here: Mayor H. M. DeVoss, Rev. B. N. Covert, Rev. J. A. Seimetz, Mrs. F. W. Downs, Mrs. Faye Smith-Knapp, Miss N. V. McGath will be in charge of the headquarters in the public library. The children who are to sell the tags are asked to report at the library at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Useful and attractive prizes will be awarded to the children raising the largest amount of money from the sale of tags.

The prizes to be awarded to the children include: first prize, No. 2 Brownie camera, donated by the Smith, Yager & Falk drug store; second prize, pair of roller skates, donated by the Lee Hardware store; third prize, fountain pen, donated by the Keller Jewelry store; fourth prize, box of Mary Wayne chocolates, donated by the Enterprise drug store; fifth prize, flashlight, donated by the Schaefer Hardware company.

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PYTHIANS VIEW SITES FOR HOME

W. A. Lower Returns Home After Inspection Trip To Four Communities

W. A. Lower, chairman of the site committee of the Knights of Pythias lodge, returned home last evening from a five day's visit to proposed locations for the state K of P. home, which the lodge will erect in Indiana. Mr. Lower and his committee visited Rushville, Shelbyville, Martinsville and Greenwood. At Rushville, 10 options for sites were inspected, seven at Shelbyville, one at Martinsville and two at Greenwood.

Next week, the committee will inspect the sites and options at Seymour, Madison and North Vernon and the week following, they will go to Lafayette, Muncie and Logansport.

The Knights of Pythias will erect and maintain a home for aged members and, as soon as the site is selected, plans will be made for the building. Many liberal offers were extended by the cities and lodges for the location of the home in their city and it is the duty of Mr. Lower's committee to select the best site.

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OPEN RED CROSS DRIVE MONDAY

Plan For Annual Membership Drive Made At Meeting Here Last Night

The annual Red Cross Roll Call in Adams county will start next Monday, November 16, and will last until everybody in the county has been solicited.

This was decided upon at a meeting of the county organization held last night at the Old Adams County Bank in this city. Miss Dorothy Williamson, national Red Cross representative, spoke to the organization and a plan of solicitation was adopted.

Miss Anna Winnes, secretary of the Adams county organization, and who has been very active in Red Cross work for several years, was in charge of the meeting last night. Plans were made and the Civic section of the Decatur Woman's club, of which Mrs. B. R. Farr is chairman, will have charge of the work in this city.

Miss Winnes has received several letters from the national organization commanding the county organization to do the work and response it has done and shown in the past. One letter, especially, commended Berne for its voluntary subscriptions in the tornado disaster in southern Indiana last spring.

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"Vamp and Dupe"



Mrs. Kip Rhinelander

That is the charge made against Mrs. Kip Rhinelander and her husband by the latter's attorney. The wife of young Rhinelander, scion of one of the most aristocratic families in New York, is colored, the plaintiff charges. Rhinelander's lawyer says he was but a dupe of the girl. He demanded an annulment of the marriage.

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GUNS FOR BANK VIGILANTES HERE

Revolvers, Rifles And Ammunition Arrive; Obtained From War Department

Guns and ammunition to equip members of the Adams County Bankers' vigilance committee arrived today and will be given out to the members of the committee within a few days. The outfit includes sixteen Colt automatic revolvers, seven Springfield rifles, and several thousand rounds of ammunition. Several targets for practice were sent, also. The guns and ammunition were obtained from the war department.

A county bankers meeting will be held at Geneva this evening and the matter of distribution of the guns and practice will be discussed. James Briggs, of Geneva, is chairman of the vigilance committee. It is planned to have all of the vigilantes meet in this city some day soon and hold target practice. The vigilance committee was organized a few months ago to combat the wave of banditry.

Lineman Falls Across Wires; Is Electrocuted

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