

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 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 late 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 Planting 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).—Despondent over ill health caused Alonzo Bishop, 43, to commit suicide here last night, by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun.

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

WIFE OF HENRY

ABRAUGH DIES

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 Help 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. Paye 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 Knott's drug store; fifth prize, flashlight, donated by the Schafer Hardware company.

Veteran Policeman At Anderson Ends Life

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—No motive was known today for the suicide of Charles Anderson, 50, for many years a member of the Anderson police force.

GRAND JURY TO MEET MONDAY

Body To Hold First Meeting Of Year; To Inspect Jail And Infirmary

The Adams county grand jury has been summoned to meet next Monday morning. This will be the first meeting of the grand jury this year. The law specifies that the grand jury must meet in each county at least once each year.

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 commending the county organization on the fine 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.

The membership fee will remain the same this year and it is the hope of those in charge of the drive that the membership of 522 at present will be renewed and greatly enlarged. The workers will make an effort to raise the membership in this county to 1,000 members.

American citizens throughout the United States are members of the organization and high national and state officials recommend and praise the great work of the organization.

It is probable that the membership drive in the county will last until Thursday, November 19. A house-to-house canvas and an up-town canvas will be made in Decatur, it was announced.

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, 19 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.

"Vamp and Dupe"



MR. & 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.

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 Colts 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

Gary, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—Losing his balance while working on a pole supporting the power lines of the South Shore Electric railway, Kenneth Durgin, Michigan City, fell across the feed wires and was electrocuted yesterday.

The body lay across the wires in mid-air until one of them was severed. The break in the power supply delayed traffic for an hour.

DR. BLAZER MAPS OUT HIS FUTURE

Doctor In Good Spirits After Being Cleared Of Killing Daughter

By Stanley Whitaker, (U. P. Staff Correspondent) Littleton, Col., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—The cloud that has hung over the heads of Dr. Harold E. Blazer and his daughter, Frances Bishop for many years was lifted today.

Refreshed after a peaceful night's rest, Blazer was in good spirits today. He did not have much to say about his trial, but the old gray haired doctor is now looking toward the future.

Blazer was cleared of all charges of killing his imbecile daughter in the district court of Arapahoe county yesterday.

"I'm going down to Chama, N. M., and become a mill foreman," said Blazer. "I don't know how soon I will go. I have a friend down there who has lumber interests, and he wants me to become a sawmill foreman."

Mrs. Frances Bishop, who has borne a heavier burden throughout the trial than her father, appeared relieved today.

"I never believed they would convict father," she said, "but I don't like the idea of a hung jury. I am glad that he was absolved of all things."

Evansville Murder Last August Is Cleared Up

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—The murder last August fifth of Mrs. Lula Williams, 56, had been cleared up today with the finding of the body of her husband, Frank, the alleged slayer, on the banks of a creek a short distance from the Williams home, authorities announced.

Two boys hunting in the underbrush for rabbits discovered the body. It was badly decomposed. A bullet hole was found through the skull and a revolver, the magazine of which contained four empty shells, was found beside the body.

CORN CONTEST WINNERS NAMED

Fred Blum, Monroe Twp., Wins 5-acre Contest With Yield of 101 Bushels

Fred Blum, Monroe township farmer, bears the distinction of being the only man entered in the five-acre corn contest in Adams county this year to reach the coveted goal of 100 bushels per acre, according to an announcement just made public by the county agent. Mr. Blum's yield, as estimated by F. L. Kem, of Grant county, an official judge representing the Indiana Corn Growers Association, was 101.2 bushels per acre for the five-acre plot.

Mr. Blum's corn was a variety of yellow dent, which he has used on his farm for several years. It was planted in hills, the checking distance being 39 inches one way and 40 inches the other. Although his corn contained considerable moisture, Mr. Kem estimated his corn at 79 pounds per bushel on a normal moisture content basis, the large number of hills per acre and the great weight of the corn made the excellent yield possible. Mr. Blum will receive a gold medal awarded by the Indiana Corn Growers Association. He won a similar medal in 1921 with a yield of 115 bushels per acre.

Delaware County Auditor Restrained From Making Horizontal Tax Increase

Muncie, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—James Dragoo, county auditor, today was prevented from adding the three per cent horizontal raise ordered by the state tax board to the duplicate of Delaware county.

Judge Clarence Dearth issued a restraining order to prevent the auditor from placing the increase in effect.

WOLFE JURY IS NEAR COMPLETION

Eleven Jurors Believed Permanently Chosen; Defendant Not Worried

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Muncie, Nov. 13.—The task of selecting a jury to try Charles "One Arm" Wolfe, pal of Dutch Anderson and Gerald Chapman, was believed nearing its close as court convened for the afternoon session today.

Eleven men were believed permanently selected by both the state and the defense and the selection of the twelfth man appeared certain. Wolfe is on trial here for the murder of Ben and Mary Hance, who gave the information leading to the arrest of the bandit prince.

That the defense will attempt to establish an alibi for Wolfe appears certain, since it is being indicated in the questions asked the prospective jurors.

Wolfe appeared little worried and talks frequently with his pretty wife, who is at his side.

Notre Dame Freshman Dies Of Broken Neck

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—Death today passed a gloom over the Notre Dame campus on the eve of homecoming, when James Powers, 19, freshman, died from a broken neck, received in football scrimmage ten days ago.

Powers cheerful to the last and fighting a valiant battle for life, had been paralyzed since the accident. An operation performed a week ago was hoped to save his life.

Players and students will wear mourning at the homecoming game with Carnegie Tech tomorrow.

Lone Bandit Stages Two Robberies Within Hour

Danville, Ill., Nov. 13.—Local police today searched for a lone bandit who last night held up and robbed a drug store and two filling stations within a period of one-half hour. The bandit secured about \$112. Victims said the bandit was badly pockmarked.

SARAH BILLMAN EXPIRES TODAY

Aged Decatur Resident Dies Of Complications Here This Morning

Mrs. Sarah Billman, age 77, a resident of this city for many years, died at her home on Seventh street at 10 o'clock this morning. Death was due to complications. Mrs. Billman has been in ill health for some time and has been seriously ill for several days.

Mrs. Billman was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1848. In early life, she was married and moved to this city where she has resided ever since. Until her illness prevented, she was a faithful member and worker in the Methodist church.

FINAL PLEA FOR ACQUITTAL MADE BY THE DEFENSE

Inman Claims Mob Spirit Is Demanding Lives Of Three Defendants

JURY EXPECTED TO GET CASE SATURDAY

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 13.—(United Press).—Closing arguments in the Stephenson trial were interrupted twice today when women spectators fainted.

Court attendants forced an aisle through the jam of spectators and the women were carried into the open air and revived.

The excitement was intense as the trial grew to its final stages. Every available inch in the court room was jammed by the crowd.

Noblesville, Nov. 13.—Mob spirit inflamed by hatred and prejudice is demanding the lives of three men for the suicide of a girl, Eph Inman, chief defense attorney, charged today in a final plea for acquittal of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry.

Inman made an impassioned plea for a verdict of not guilty in the trial of the three former klansmen for first degree murder for the death of Madge Oberholzer.

The case is expected to go to the jury before noon tomorrow with the state demanding the death penalty.

"It is a shame to the jurisprudence of Indiana that these men should ever have been indicted for murder," Inman said.

"Such an indictment would never have been returned except through the work of those who sought to rid themselves of Stephenson's power by hurrying him to his destruction."

"There has never been cause for a single instance of fear for the safety of the defendants under the law."

"If this so called dying statement—this lawyer-made declaration—is anything it is a declaration of suicide," Inman said.

"That statement was designed as poisonous propaganda to be used in an effort to get money."

"It tells in her own words how she took poison with suicidal intent and kept that act a secret for six hours."

"After that she was beyond the hope the medical science. She resorted to ruse and deception to be sure her

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Earthquake Shocks Are Recorded At St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 13.—Earthquake shocks, lasting from 6:45 a.m. until 8:07 a.m. were recorded on the seismograph at the St. Louis university here today.

Attendants said some of the wave groups were missing and it was impossible to determine the distance of the quake. They were of considerable intensity.

HEAVY RAIN VISITS COUNTY

Roads And Fields Converted Into Sea Of Mud; Work In Beet Fields Halted

Torrents of rain again visited Adams county yesterday and converted roads and fields into a sea of mud. Work in the fields where farmers were busy lifting and loading their crops was stopped and it is expected that the beet harvest will be delayed.