

## D.C. STEPHENSON GETS SENTENCE TODAY

### STRONG EVIDENCE IS INTRODUCED AGAINST WOLFE

#### State Scores Several Points In Trial Of Muncie Man For Murder

#### MURDER WITNESSES RECITE HAPPENINGS

Muncie, Nov. 16.—"I hope Hance finds Anderson and that Dutch fills him full of lead," Charles "one arm" Wolfe said last summer after Hance had left for a Michigan lake where he was to meet the notorious bandit.

This statement was made in an Eaton barber shop at that time, the state showed the morning when Clinan Smith, a barber of that town, was called to the witness stand.

Wolfe is on trial here, charged with the murder of Ben and Mary Hance on August 14, last.

Smith testified that Wolfe knew of the arrangements made between Hance and Anderson and expressed the wish that the bandit would kill the farmer.

Marshal David Booher, of Middletown, the first officer to reach Hance, detailed their conversation.

Hance, when asked who shot him, gasped out "Anderson and Wolfe," the Marshal said.

Several witnesses of the murder recited the happenings along the road, but were able to remember only that Anderson's companion wore a white shirt.

The state will attempt to show that Anderson's companion at Yorktown a short time afterwards was Wolfe and at that time he was wearing a white shirt.

#### Three Men And Woman Drown Near Cleveland

Cleveland, O., Nov. 16. — (United Press)—Three men and a woman were drowned Sunday night when an 80-mile-an-hour gale whipped three barges loose from a tug while being towed from Cleveland to Buffalo, according to a report received here today.

The tug, the Barryton, limped into Buffalo harbor badly battered from the storm and with but one of her load of four barges still fast.

The captain of the tug did not know exactly at what hour during the night the three barges broke loose.

#### To Make Ruling On Spiritualists Petition

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 16. — (United Press)—A ruling on the petition of spiritualists from the Chesterfield camp near here, to quash indictments charging conspiracy, will be made within a few days by Judge Kittinger, it was announced today.

### SWITCH ENGINE STRIKES AUTO

#### Sam Cook Escapes Injury In Accident At Monroe Street Crossing

Sam Cook escaped serious injury this morning when a Ford automobile which he was driving was struck by a switch engine at the Pennsylvania crossing on Monroe street.

Mr. Cook was driving east at about 5:30 o'clock this morning and the train was going north.

The train was moving slowly and it is evident that Mr. Cook failed to hear or see the train approaching. The car was struck on the side and carried several feet down the track, but Mr. Cook escaped without any serious injury.

The automobile was damaged considerably. Mr. Cook is employed at the Sugar factory and was on his way to work. The switch-engine was headed for Fort Wayne from Ridgeway and was going particularly slow at the crossing.

Except for a few minor bruises, the driver of the car was not injured. Mr. Cook was the lone occupant and was able to continue to work.

#### Auto Fatalities This Year In Chicago And Cook County Total 686

Chicago, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Automobile fatalities this year in Chicago and the rest of Cook county today stood at 686, compared with a total of 684 for the entire year of 1924.

Four deaths occurred during the past 24 hours, making a total of 35 for the past two weeks. Officials estimate the death toll for 1925 will be around 750.

### FATHER AND SON DAY TOMORROW

#### Local Churches Plan Observance Of Event; Dinners And Programs Planned

"Father and Son Day," will be observed in the various churches of Decatur by banquets and evening programs Tuesday night. All fathers and sons will meet at their respective churches tomorrow night and each congregation will have a special observance of the event.

Dinners at 6:30 o'clock and short talks afterwards have been planned by most of the churches. Special announcements were made concerning the affairs at the various churches yesterday and in the church announcements appearing in the Daily Democrat last Saturday.

All churches will limit their programs, so that the observance will be concluded before other meetings scheduled for tomorrow night begin, it was announced today. Short talks will be made at all churches by Dads and Sons.

The observance of "Father and Son Day" has become a national event and Decatur has observed the day for the last several years. It is sponsored by civic organizations and Rotary clubs throughout the United States.

#### New Member Of State Pardons Board Named

Indianapolis, Nov. 16. — (United Press)—Rev. George S. Henninger, of Indianapolis, today succeeded Rev. Frank Hovis of Frankfort as a member of the state pardons board.

Announcement of the appointment was made yesterday by Governor Ed Jackson.

### TAG DAY NETS \$123.25 HERE

#### Neat Sum Contributed To Volunteers Of America For Relief Work

Decatur people opened their hearts and purses on Saturday to help the destitute women with children and other unfortunates in the care of the Volunteers of America by contributing the sum of \$123.25 to that worthy cause. Every one connected with the affair was deeply grateful to all who in any way helped make the day successful. The above sum represents the total amount contributed last Saturday and the preceding Saturday.

A statement issued by the organization's representative says: "To the city officials, the newspaper, the merchants who furnished the incentives for the children's efforts as well as to Miss N. V. McGath's capable leadership, full credit should be given; neither must the public's generosity in patronizing the youthful workers be omitted. From early in the morning until late in the afternoon each of the girls and boys played the merry game of "competition" for the prizes and movie tickets and at the close of the "contest" it was found that Wilma Case was entitled to the first prize, having collected \$3.63. The second prize was won by Paul Hancher who had \$6.55. Martha Moser had \$4.49 and received the third prize. The fourth and fifth were won by Nedra Glancy and Eleanor Steel. A number of other children were made happy with the movie passes.

### RETIRED FARMER CALLED BY DEATH

#### Frederick Hilpert, Prominent Resident Of Blue Creek Township, Dies

Frederick Hilpert, 83, prominent retired farmer of St. Marys township, died at his home near Bobo at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. Death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Hilpert having been stricken ten days ago.

Frederick Hilpert was a son of George and Margaret Hilpert and was born in Williamsdorf, Germany, June 10, 1842. He was educated in the school of Williamsdorf until he was 16 years old. At that age he came to America, landing in New York harbor in 1857. He came to Adams county in 1876. Mr. Hilpert married to Margaret J. Merrill, soon after coming to Adams county. To this union were born two sons, Milton Samuel, of Huntington, and William Frederick, at home. Mrs. Hilpert died March 18, 1918.

Mr. Hilpert was a prosperous farmer. He was highly respected in the community where he resided. He was a member of the United Brethren church at Bobo, having been converted when he was young.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 1:30 o'clock and from the Bobo United Brethren church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon; the Rev. Mr. Spiker officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

#### Barge Traffic On Ohio River To Be Revived

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 16.—(United Press)—A revival of barge traffic on the Ohio river is being predicted by local rivermen.

The rivermen say that before another year passes the wharves will be crowded by fleets of barges, being used by large shippers.

With the canalization of the Ohio river and the extension of the federal barge lines, a big revival of river business is seen.

### FIRE DAMAGES NATIONAL HOTEL

#### Blaze Of Unknown Origin Starts In Basement; Loss Estimated At \$200

Fire of unknown origin, which started in the basement of the National hotel, corner of First and Madison streets, threatened to destroy the entire building for some time yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Quick work by the Decatur fire department confined the damage to the basement.

The fire started in the room used to store coal. The room is several feet from the furnace and it is not thought that the fire in the furnace had anything to do with the blaze. The smoke quickly spread through the entire building and occupants of the several rooms were forced to hurry out into the open.

For some time the flames threatened to burst through to the first floor, but the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze before this occurred. A crowd gathered at the scene shortly after the alarm had been turned in and several people aided in extinguishing the blaze. The damage was confined to about \$200, it was estimated.

The National hotel building is owned by Ed Abr and, at present, is being managed by J. W. Meibers. The loss is covered by insurance.

#### Suits For \$250,000 Commission Are Filed

Indianapolis, Nov. 16.—Suits for \$250,000 commission were on file here today against Frank Milliken, Indianapolis, and Arthur B. Ayres, of Newcastle, and the Union Gas and Oil company. The plaintiffs were Hubert J. Smith and David Lorbash who asserted their defendants refused to sell the capital stock of the defendant company after arranging with them to sell it on a commission basis.

#### Keeping House In State Capitol Costs \$85,481 Last Year

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 16.—Keeping house in the state capitol cost \$85,481.16 in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, according to a report of Henry Roberts, superintendent of the building made public today.

This was about \$10,000 in excess of the legislative appropriation the deficiency being met by acquiring \$10,000 from the governor's emergency fund.

### ITALY PLEASED WITH DEBT PLAN

#### Premier Mussolini Says Americans Have Been Generous And Logical

By Thomas B. Morgan  
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Rome, Nov. 16.—(United Press)—Premier Benito Mussolini is well pleased with the debt settlement negotiated by Italy in Washington.

"The Americans," he told me in an exclusive United Press interview in the Chigi palace, "have been logical, generous and broad in the negotiations with the Italian debt mission on funding the Italian debt in the United States."

Mussolini, who in the course of the talk, described himself as "made of iron," appeared extremely pleased and quite affable as he talked of the fairness of the American debt commission.

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### TO ATTEND PRESS ASSOCIATION MEET

#### Miss Monai Butler To Represent Decatur High School At Convention

Miss Monai Butler, editor of the D. H. S. Ravensings, will represent Decatur high school at the annual convention of the Central Interscholastic Press Association, to be held November 27 and 28, at Madison, Wisconsin. Miss Butler will join the Fort Wayne delegates Thursday and leave from that city.

A two-day program of interest has been arranged for the national convocation and delegates from all high schools in the middlewest will be present. The convention banquet will be held at the Men's Gymnasium at the University of Wisconsin. The program includes interesting talks, instructions, tours of Madison and other interesting events.

After the convention, Miss Butler will go to Milwaukee, where she will visit relatives over the week-end. Delegates have been invited to spend the week-end as guests of the various organizations at the state university, also.

#### Relief From Snowfall In Indiana Is Promised

Indianapolis, Nov. 16. — (United Press)—Relief from a heavy snowfall through central Indiana today was promised by the weather bureau in its forecast of rising temperature Tuesday.

As a result of rains, White river was reported above flood stage in several places. Flood stage has been reached on the lower west fork of the river, and at Elliston and Edwardsport, the water is about a foot above the flood mark. State road twelve is inundated where it skirts the bottom lands between Martinsville and Spencer.

#### Six Suicides In Seven Days At Anderson

Anderson, Ind., Nov. 16.—(United Press)—The sixth suicide in the last seven days was reported here today with the death of Harry Weaver, who shot himself Friday.

### Weather

Fair tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperatures Tuesday.

### RED CROSS ROLL CALL IS STARTED

#### Lena And Emma Guth, Decatur, First In County To Renew Memberships

The annual Red Cross Roll Call has started in Adams county.

Lena and Emma Guth, two German young ladies, who reside in this city at the Fred Heuer home, were the first two people in Adams county to answer the Roll Call for 1925. The two young ladies renewed their membership last Saturday night. The annual drive started officially today.

The Misses Guth came to this city from Germany three years ago and they realized the value of the American Red Cross in their own country. For three years they have been the first members in Adams county. They are both employed at the General Electric company in this city and are ardent supporters of the Red Cross.

Canvass Starts Today

The annual canvass for members starts today under the supervision of the Civic section of the Woman's club. Mrs. B. R. Farr is chairman of the drive and it has been announced that the canvass will not stop until every person in the county has been seen. The goal this year is 1,000 members. Last year the Adams county membership was more than 500.

The American Red Cross is supported by the entire nation. Its work is not limited, however, to America. Whenever fate spreads its arm over a community, any place in the world, this organization is first on the scene and last to leave.

Worthy Branches of Service

Among the many worthy causes it has aided in are the Ohio cyclone, the Sullivan mine disaster, the Indiana-Illinois cyclone, the Alaska fever epidemic, a fever epidemic in Greece and thousands of other disasters. This is only one of the many worthy branches of service.

Educational work, homes for aged.

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### REPORT IS MADE BY COW TESTERS

#### David J. Mazelin Herd Leads In Year's Production Of Butterfat

The annual report of activities of the Adams County Cow Testing Association, just completed by R. L. Price, tester, cooperating with the county agricultural agent, reveals that David J. Mazelin, Monroe township farmer, holds the honor of leading the entire membership of the association in point of average amount of butterfat produced by his cows. His five purebred Holsteins averaged 400.3 pounds butterfat each. Local dairy enthusiasts consider this a remarkable record in view of the fact that the average Indiana dairy cow produces only 163 pounds of fat.

Sol Mosser, of Jefferson township, whose herd of 13 purebred Jerseys led the remaining 24 Holstein herds a merry chase for honors during the year and who took the honor position during two different months, was forced to be content with second place, the average being 371.2 pounds per cow.

The Jacob J. Schwartz herd of five purebred Holsteins averaged 368.1 pounds. Joseph D. Schwartz won fourth place, his eleven Holsteins, a number of which were purebred, averaged 342 pounds, while Rudolph Steury won fifth place with an average of 332.4 pounds made by 12 cows. The next ten highest ranked as follows, in order of average production per cow: C. P. Steury, John D. Mason, Dan H. Habegger, David L. Mazelin, C. W. R.

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### Boys Use Shingle Nails In Air Rifles

Indianapolis, Nov. 16. — (United Press)—Using shingle nails instead of air rifle shot, two young boys succeeded in puncturing their playmate's lip and perforating several dogs before they were stopped by firemen.

#### U. S. Steel Corporation Aids Churches And Civic Organizations In Gary

Gary, Ind., Nov. 16.—(United Press)—The U. S. Steel corporation has just donated more than \$50,000 to church and civic organizations in Gary. It was announced today.

One gift of \$40,000 will go toward a unit for the Christ Episcopal church and another is for the Salvation Army building. Popular subscription will be resorted to to raise \$75,000 additional.

A gift of \$75,000 toward a site for a municipal gymnasium was announced a week ago by the corporation.

### EDUCATION WEEK BEING OBSERVED

#### Adams County Schools Join In Nation-Wide Observance This Week

In cooperation with schools throughout the United States, schools of Adams county will join in the observance of National Education week. Various plans have been made in the different schools of the county for the week's program. The Decatur schools will have a fitting program during the week.

Each day this week has been set aside as a special day to observe one phase of the week's program. Today is observed by the schools as Constitutional Day, and special stress will be paid to the constitution of the United States and Indiana.

Most of the schools in this city will give special programs Friday of this week, and plans are being made now for appropriate programs. Other schools in the county will observe the week in various ways with short programs.

A proclamation, urging the observance of the week has been issued by President Coolidge. The various points

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#### Four Men Wounded In Free-For-All Fight

Indianapolis, Nov. 16. — (United Press)—Four men today are recovering from wounds sustained yesterday in a free-for-all fight in a pool room here.

Carl Hyatt, William Hyatt, owners of the pool room, and Albert and Joe Werneke, were arrested and released on bond, charged with assault and battery.

### FINAL REHEARSAL FOR "CHEER UP"

#### Cast For Musical Revue Ends Practice Tonight; First Show Tuesday

The final rehearsal for the musical revue, "Cheer Up," to be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings under the auspices of the Elks lodge, will be held this evening in the auditorium of the new Catholic school building, where the production will be staged. The production was put together for the first time Sunday afternoon and everything moved along smoothly.

Costumes were given out to the various characters today by Miss Forgy, the director in charge of the production. The costumes, which are furnished by the Bock Producing company, are said to be gorgeous. Special scenery is furnished by the producing company, also.

The proceeds from the event will be used by the Elks in providing Christmas cheer for the poor people of the city. Tickets, which are selling at fifty cents each, may be bought from any Elk or at any of the following business houses: Eats restaurant, Peoples restaurant, Joseph & Lang confectionery, M. & O. confectionery, Fred's Place, Hensley & Son jewelry store, Lose Brothers cigar store and the Old Adams County bank.

The play will start promptly at 8 o'clock Tuesday night. There are four acts.

### LIFE TERM IS GIVEN TO FORMER DRAGON OF KLAN

#### Fallen Leader Emotionally Protests Innocence As Sentence, Is Read

#### PLANS APPEAL; TWO AIDES ARE ACQUITTED

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Noblesville, Nov. 16.—Emotionally protesting innocence, D. C. Stephenson, former klan dragon of Indiana, was sentenced to life imprisonment here today, following conviction on a charge of murdering Madge Oberholtzer.

He plans an appeal to the supreme court and his attorneys are expected to file a motion for freedom on bond during the year required for the supreme court to review the case.

No motions were filed today, however, Stephenson probably will not be taken to prison until tomorrow.

Smiling and cheerful the ex-klan dragon was taken into court at 1:50 p.m. Asked by Judge Sparks if he had any remarks before sentence, he spoke in a voice, quivering with emotion.

Claims He Is Innocent

"I am not guilty of murder or any lesser degree of murder or manslaughter. It always has been my impression that no man should be deprived of his liberty without due process of law."

"I believe it is the universal opinion that this was not in due process of law. Three hundred people of three and one-half million in Indiana attending this trial, with outbursts of applause and hissing, rendered it impossible for the jury to return a fair verdict."

"Time will unfold the cold white light of truth—that D. C. Stephenson is not guilty of murder in any degree or in any degree of homicide."

Regains His Calmness

Following this outburst, Stephenson, again calm and collected, walked back to his seat. Judge Sparks characterized the statement as gentlemanly, but said he had heard no hissing.

Floyd Christen, defense attorney, said that during his speech to the jury he had been hissed.

The fallen leader was escorted back to jail by Sheriff Gooding, who will take him to prison.

Stephenson's two aides, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry, who were acquitted, surrendered today to the Hamilton county sheriff to answer charges of arson in connection with the burning of Stephenson's Indianapolis home.

#### GENEVA SCHOOL TEACHER DIES

#### Miss Hilma Woods Succumbs Today Following Appendix Operation

(Special to Daily Democrat)  
Geneva, Nov. 16.—Miss Hilma Woods, 20, a teacher in the Geneva schools, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Woods, six miles east of here, at 8 o'clock this morning. Miss Woods was taken to the Lutheran hospital at Fort Wayne seven weeks ago for an operation for appendicitis. She never recuperated after the operation and she was brought to her home last Thursday, with no hopes for recovery.

Miss Woods was graduated from the Geneva high school in 1924. Later she attended Huntington college and last fall began her work as teacher of the fourth and fifth grades in the local schools. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be made in the Westlawn cemetery.