

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## 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 Bert 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 made at all churches by Dads and Sons.

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### 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 the morning until late in the afternoon each of the girls and boys 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 Ridgeville 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 other children were made happy with the movie passes.

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.

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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 unfortunate 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 day 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 \$8.63. The second prize was won by Paul Hancher who had \$6.85. 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 the defendant company after arranging with them to sell it on a commission basis.

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### RETIRED FARMER CALLED BY DEATH

Frederick Hilpert, Prominent Resident Of Blue Creek Township, Dies

Frederick Hilpert, 82, 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.

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Miss Monai Butler, editor of the D. H. S. Ravelings, 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 convention and delegates from all high schools in the midwest 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 weekend. Delegates have been invited to spend the weekend as guests of the various organizations at the state university, also.

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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.

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 Ahr and, at present, is being managed by J. W. Melchers. The loss is covered by insurance.

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