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D. C. STEPHENSON ENTERS STATE PRISON

IMPEACHMENT OF OFFICIALS IN TEXAS PLANNED

State Representative Plans To Call Special Session Of Legislature

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Dallas, Tex., Nov. 21.—Representative T. K. Irwin of the Texas legislature told the United Press today he was preparing a petition for calling a special session of the Texas legislature to be convened not later than Jan. 10, 1926, "for impeachment purposes."

His petition will be in the mail tonight, addressed to all members of the Texas legislature, he said.

Representative Irwin explained that any member, according to the Texas statutes, has the privilege of calling a special session of the legislature any time for impeachment.

"In view of disclosures made and the outcome of Attorney General Moody's suit against the American Road company, a special session of the legislature to bring impeachment charges is imperative," Irwin declared.

Wrecked Automobile Belonged To Frank Hower

The Overland touring car which was wrecked on State Road 21 just south of Decatur Thursday night, belonged to Frank "Red" Hower, of this city. It was learned today. Mr. Hower stated that Julius Roop and Archie Smith, two local young men, took his car Thursday and he did not know it. He said he did not know it was his car that was wrecked until he read the description in the Daily Democrat yesterday evening. He made a trip to the scene of the wreck and identified his car. The license plates on the car, which had been issued to Newton Spencer, of Fort Wayne, were on a car which Mr. Hower bought in Fort Wayne, recently, he said, and the two boys had put them on the car that was wrecked.

EMBALMERS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING AT HARTFORD CITY

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Black, local undertakers, attended a district convention of undertakers at Hartford City yesterday. Professor Charles Morham, of Chicago, lectured on embalming and gave demonstrations. The next district convention will be held in Decatur in about three months.

THIEVES TAKE CLOVER SEED

Twelve bushels of sweet clover seed stolen from Linn Grove Elevator

Thieves broke into the Linn Grove elevator sometime last night and carried away 12 bushels of sweet clover seed. Entrance was gained through a side window. Indications were that the thieves had carried the seed to a waiting automobile or truck. Nothing else was missed from the elevator. Sheriff John Baker was notified this morning and he made an investigation, but no clues could be found.

A similar theft was reported by the elevator at Willshire, Ohio, last Wednesday morning. Thieves broke into the Willshire elevator Tuesday night and carried away 10 bushels of clover seed. Although police officials of Van Wert county, Ohio, and Adams county have been investigating, no clues to that robbery have been found, either.

DR. BEAVERS APPOINTED PENNSYLVANIA SURGEON

Dr. Ben S. Beavers, of this city, has been appointed company surgeon for the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania railroad company for Decatur.

Thanksgiving Proclamation

The ever moving cycle has again brought to us the harvest period. Nature has contributed to the festival. It may seem that the distribution of bread and rags has been uneven; perhaps we have been more greedy than generous, but one thing remains incessantly and everlastingly the same—the harvest.

In conformity with the custom of our Fathers, and in conformity with State and National usages, I, H. M. DeVoss, as Mayor of the city of Decatur, Indiana, suggest and recommend that on Thursday, November 26, 1925, we, the people of the city of Decatur and community, whole heartedly renew our allegiance and give thanks to God that His mercy endureth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the city of Decatur, Indiana, this 21st day of November, 1925.

H. M. DE VOSS,
Mayor City of Decatur, Indiana.

Babe Ruth's Auto Is Wrecked In Massachusetts

Blackstone, Mass., Nov. 21.—(United Press)—An automobile said to belong to Babe Ruth was wrecked and four persons, including the "punt king's" chauffeur and three women, were seriously injured in an accident on Dead Man's curve here today.

The accident occurred when the machine, travelling at high speed, according to police, ran off the highway and crashed into a railroad bridge.

Those injured were William Bailey, Ruth's negro chauffeur, his wife, Laura; Mrs. William Bancroft and Dorothy Fay of South Sudbury.

All were taken to a hospital in Weymouth, R. I., where the names of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Bancroft were placed on the danger list.

Bailey was to be questioned by authorities in connection with the accident.

Ruth is said to be in New York.

RADIO TROUBLE IS TRACED DOWN

INTERFERENCE FOUND TO BE COMING FROM G. E. EMERGENCY POWER LINE

Clear radio reception during the football games this afternoon and over Sunday was assured this morning when the interference, which has ruined reception throughout the city during the past week, was located in a high tension wire and the current shut off until Monday. Representatives of the Indiana Service corporation of Fort Wayne were in Decatur this morning investigating the trouble. The interference was located in the high tension line running from Fort Wayne to this city, which is owned by the General Electric company.

The high tension line is used by the General Electric plant here as an immensity line, in case a breakdown occurs in the city plant, which furnishes the current for the factory. The current was shut off the wire this morning and immediately the interference disappeared. Since the power company's linemen do not work on Saturday afternoons, it was decided to shut off the power on that line until Monday morning, when the linemen will return to this city and trace down the trouble. It will be necessary to turn the power on intermittently on Monday, in order that the "leak" can be traced.

Since the interference has been bothering local radio fans, George Wemhoff, president of the Adams county radio club, has been making an effort to have the trouble stopped. Other fans have made an effort to trace down the interference, also. Homer Ruhl, local agent of the traction company, also took the matter up with his company.

Bazaar opens at D. C. H. S. Auditorium next Tuesday

The bazaar will open at the Catholic high school auditorium next Tuesday. Supper will be served each evening and on Thanksgiving afternoon and again on Saturday afternoon the bazaar will be opened to the public. Stands and booths will be arranged in the auditorium and many useful articles and gifts will be sold. The public is invited to attend.

QUEEN TO BE BURIED FRIDAY

ENGLAND WILL PAY MARKED TRIBUTE TO QUEEN MOTHER ALEXANDRIA

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) London, Nov. 21—Queen Mother Alexandria will be buried Friday at Windsor in the vaults where her husband, King Edward, and eight other English kings lie.

In keeping with the wishes she expressed in life, the body will be taken there from her Sandringham estate where she passed away yesterday, surrounded by her son, King George, and others of the royal family.

England will pay her marked tribute of mourning unparalleled since King Edward was buried 16 years ago and at Westminster Abbey at 11:30 a.m. Friday a memorial service will occur simultaneously with the funeral services at Windsor.

BRITISH SUB DISASTER IS DUE TO COLLISION

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) London, Nov. 21.—The lost British monitor submarine M-1 met a fate similar to the United States submarine S-51. This was revealed today when the admiralty announced that a report of the master of the steamer Vidaar at Stockholm and examination of the Vidaar's hull showed the M-1 disaster was due to a collision with the steamer.

Gas explosion wrecks building; man killed

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Martins Ferry, O., Nov. 21—One man was fatally injured and four were hurt seriously when a gas explosion wrecked a two story frame building here today.

MRS. VERA MAY WRIGHT IS DEAD

YOUNG MOTHER DIES AT HOSPITAL IN FORT WAYNE AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Mrs. Vera May Wright died this morning at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne, after a week's illness. She had shown slight improvement since her removal to the hospital and her death came as a shock to her relatives and many friends. Mrs. Wright was twenty years of age.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband; a six-months old son, Jack Eldon; her father, Nelson May, of Poneto; four sisters, Mrs. Bessie Girod, Mrs. Mabel Archer, and Mrs. Elva Metcalfe, of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Beatrice Barkley, of Hoagland; two brothers, Lee May, of Sturgis, Michigan, and Wilbur May, of Fort Sheridan, Illinois; a step-mother, Mrs. Ura May; three step-sisters, Viola Bower, Clara Bower and Ella Connell; and four step-brothers, Ervin Bower, Paul Bower, Dwight Bower and Gerald Bower.

Funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. Alice Bollinger, of this city, at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and from the United Brethren church at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

CONTINUE PROBE OF BABY'S DEATH

MOTHER QUESTIONED ALL NIGHT; CHILD'S BODY TO BE EXHUMED

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Chicago, Nov. 21—Mrs. Grace A. Allen, 36, wife of a wealthy Chicago business man, was questioned throughout the night and until an early hour this morning in connection with the investigation into the death of her five weeks old baby.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe personally directed the examination and later called in Dr. William C. Krohn, noted alienist, to observe Mrs. Allen.

In another room John R. Allen, the husband, was questioned.

The body of the child, buried two days ago, will be exhumed for further examination, it was announced. This decision was made early today when the city chemist reported he had found traces of chloroform in the vital organs of the child. Dr. William D. McNally, the chemist, said he found indications that the child had been fed chloroform with milk.

Mrs. Allen told police she did not recall whether she had prepared the bottle of milk on the night of the tragedy.

SPEEDING AUTO DASHES INTO INTERURBAN'S PATH

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 21.—(United Press)—Speeding to get ahead of another machine, an auto containing three men from Bloomington, Ind., dashed in front of an interurban car here last night.

Paul Sarr, 25, was killed and his companions, Wayne Hendricks, 20, and Lon Olop, 40, were knocked unconscious. They were released from the hospital early today.

TOLEDO HOLDS MAN-HUNT FOR CLUB-WEAVING FIEND

Toledo, O., Nov. 21.—(United Press)—The most intensive manhunt in the annals of Toledo was under way today for the fiend who, wielding a club, has struck down seven women here, causing the death of two of them.

The man, characterized as the "monster of the night," struck down Mrs. Kathryn Knight, a housewife, last night, and two hours later made an unsuccessful attempt to club Miss Pauline Winover, a sales girl.

The attacks have occurred over a period of six weeks. One of the man's victims died from her injuries and a second was found dead between two houses, her body mutilated.

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STATE LIVESTOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OFFERS MEDALS

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 21—A gold medal will be awarded by the Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association to the owner of any colt in the state which makes a gain of 600 pounds from the time it is weaned until the fall a year later.

The announcement of this award made by F. G. King, secretary of the association also specified that the colt must have been shown in at least one approved horse show.

Bronze and silver medals are offered to owners whose colts show smaller gains.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED OF \$75,000 WORTH OF STAMPS

Superior, Wis., Nov. 21.—(United Press)—In modern Robin Hood style, five bandits robbed the Superior post office of \$75,000 worth of stamps and \$125 in cash early today.

They robbed assistant Postmaster C. J. McGill of his keys, forced him to divulge the combination of the post office safe and looted it.

Sheriff's deputies said they thought it looked like an inside job. Postmaster F. S. Thompson, however, is confident it was not.

Funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. Alice Bollinger, of this city, at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and from the United Brethren church at 2 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; colder Sunday and in north and central portions tonight.

Tourists Spend Freely In Cities Along Highway

INCREASE IN COTTON PRODUCTION FORECAST

Bulletin

Washington, Nov. 21.—(United Press)—A United States cotton production of 15,298,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, was forecast by the United States agricultural department today on the basis of November 14 indications.

Last year the production was 13,627,936 bales, the highest in five years.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL

POST OFFICES ASK CO-OPERATION OF PUBLIC DURING RUSH SEASON

"The Post Offices will make every effort to handle Christmas mails without congestion and delay, but owing to the enormous volume this can be done only with the cooperation of the public."

This statement was released recently by the United States Post Office department and now is in the hands of every postmaster in the country. Valuable information has also been released regarding the sending of Christmas packages and cards.

The Post Office department urges that the public cooperate with the department and, if packages are mailed according to the present regulations, the department has systematized its delivery so that all parcels and cards will reach their destinations before Christmas.

The bulletin issued recently follows in part:

"All parcels must be securely wrapped or packed. Use heavy paper and twine.

"Articles easily broken or crushed must be crated or securely wrapped. Perishable articles must be marked on the outside of package.

"Addressess should be complete. All articles should be sent fully prepaid. No parcel more than 84 inches in length and girth can be sent parcel post. Weight regulations are 50 and 70 pounds.

"Christmas packages weighing more than eight ounces should be brought directly to the main post office.

"Christmas gifts and cards addressed to points within one day's travel should be mailed not later than December 20; within two day's travel, December 18, for more distant points not later than December 14. Parcels

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ROBINSON TO BE CANDIDATE

INDIANA'S NEW SENATOR TO SEEK ELECTION TO SHORT TERM POST

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21.—(United Press)—Senator Arthur R. Robinson has definitely announced his candidacy for the short term republican nomination for senate in the primary election next May.

"It has been generally understood that I would be a candidate for the short term nomination and, of course, I will be," Senator Robinson said.

Senator Robinson was to leave today for Washington without any avowed candidate in the field against him.

Whether the two senators will be forced into combination, in event of opposition, depends upon developments.

ELECTED SECRETARY OF TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUND

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 21—O. H. Gries, of Winchester, will become secretary of the State Teachers Retirement fund Feb. 2, it became known today.

Gries was elected to the office at a meeting of the trustees of the fund last night.

FORMER DRAGON OF KLAN STARTS LIFE SENTENCE

Man Who Boasted He Was The Law Becomes A Nameless Convict

LOSES NONE OF HIS NONCHALANCE

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 21—D. C. Stephenson, convicted murderer of Miss Madge Oberholzer, former dragon of the Ku Klux Klan—the man who boasted he was the law—today became a nameless convict and stepped from the threshold of the living world into the gloom of eternal prison twilight.

Just a few routine details—taking of finger prints, bertillonage measurements, a change to prison garb and Stephenson became a numbered convict sentenced to spend the remainder of his natural life in the state prison.

The sheriff's auto, carrying the former dragon, roared into the prison courtyard at 11:12.

A second car containing newspaper men arrived shortly after the auto bearing Stephenson. Prison officials were waiting. None of the nonchalance that marked the convicted man's manner throughout his trial, left him as he faced a life of imprisonment. Smiling and joking, he walked with the little group of officers to the offices where he lost his worldly identity.

Stephenson was given the prison number 11,148. By these numerals he will be known the remainder of his natural life unless he should secure a new trial and acquittal or be granted executive clemency later.

The former dragon entered the prison confident of ultimately securing his freedom.

"The fight is only starting," he said. "I didn't have a chance for a fair trial at Noblesville with the mob hissing and shouting during the proceedings."

Already his attorneys are preparing the necessary records of the trial and conviction to seek a new trial and if that is denied by Special Judge Sparks an appeal is to be taken to the state supreme court.

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