

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE OUTLINES POLICIES

Mc DANIELS IS FREED BY ACTION OF GOV. JACKSON

One Member Of Trio Who Attempted To Hold-Up Preble Bank Is Freed

FRED WAGONER ALSO GETS HIS FREEDOM

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Governor Jackson today approved the report of the state pardon board for the November term granting six paroles, 22 commutations, remitting two fines, refusing 116 pleas, striking two cases from the docket, withdrawing one and continuing 12 cases.

Among the pleas acted on were those of Donald McDaniels, assault and battery with attempt to rob, committed; Fred Wagoner, forgery, stricken from docket, both of Adams county.

Donald McDaniels was sentenced from the Adams circuit court, October 11, 1921, after pleading guilty to a charge of assault and battery with attempt to rob in connection with the attempted hold-up of the Farmers State Bank at Preble, June 9, 1921. Russell Barrone, of this city, was also sentenced at the same time on the same charge. The third member of the party, Eugene Cole, a Port Wayne taxi driver, was found not guilty the week before the Barrone-McDaniels trial.

McDaniels was not a resident of this city and he never revealed his home, but he had been here on several occasions with Barrone. During the robbery, Barrone shot Clarence Smith, cashier of the bank, through the breast, and Edna Werling, an assistant in the bank, in the arm. The two men escaped without obtaining any money and later were captured by Port Wayne police and a posse of Adams county men about a mile north of Preble. Cole was captured in this city by Fred Schuriger and D. M. Hensley.

Fred Wagoner, the other Adams county man to receive leniency, was found guilty about a year ago of issuing a check without funds in the

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Youthful Bandits Hold Up Dry Goods Store; Get \$66

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Police today are searching for two youthful bandits who yesterday held up a dry-goods store and escaped with \$66 in cash.

Nancy Ladd, proprietor of the store, was held up at the point of a revolver while the bandits worked. Just as the men completed, rifling the cash registers Miss Ladd screamed and they fled.

"LOST BATTALION" TO BE SHOWN HERE

American Legion To Present Famous War Story Movie at Cort Theatre

"The Lost Battalion," a famous American war story dramatized by the men who went through the six days and nights with the lost battalion in the World War, will be shown at the Cort Theatre, December 10 and 11, under the auspices of the Decatur post of the American legion. Special matinees will be held each afternoon during the two-day showing in this city. Schools will be dismissed at 3 o'clock each day so that all school children may see the show, which is highly recommended by educators throughout the country. A special price has been made for school children.

Tickets may be obtained from any member of the American Legion or at the ticket office on the nights of the show. The actors in the show are all war veterans and most of them served in the famous American outfit which was lost, but wouldn't surrender.

Motor Bus Lines Not Successful Financially

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—(United Press)—None of the motor bus lines in Indiana are financially successful, according to a report of auditors for the public service commission made public today.

The figures were made public in connection with the petition of the interstate public service company for an increase in rates between Indianapolis and Louisville, but are said to show the situation as it exists in the state.

GOOD FELLOWS CLUB GROWING

Several More Join Club By Giving To Christmas Fund; Total Is \$73.21

Eleven dollars and forty-one cents was added to the Good Fellows Club Christmas Fund today, making a total of \$73.21 already donated by local individuals and organizations. The money will be used by the Delta Theta Tau sorority, which is sponsoring the fund, in providing Christmas cheer for the poor children of the city.

Five-dollar contributions to the fund were made today by the So Cha Rea Club and the Daily Democrat. A \$5-contribution made yesterday by the Catholic Ladies of Columbia was counted in the total given, but through mistake the name of the contributor was omitted. The Delta Theta Tau sorority and Geode club of the General Electric plant each gave \$25 to the fund. Other organizations are urged to contribute to the fund.

The Good Fellows Club was started by the Delta Theta Tau sorority four years ago and has been sponsored each Christmas since then. The general chairman of the Good Fellows Club today issued the following statement:

"Be sure to send your contribution to the Good Fellow Club today. By giving your donation early it will greatly aid the purchasing committee to visit Santa Claus in plenty of time.

"We realize that the good people of Decatur have been called upon numerous times the past year to donate to worthy and charitable organizations, but is the Good Fellow Club not a worthy cause? Is there a cause more worthy than one that will provide warm clothing to the poor and greater than that provide a toy or two for the little boy and girl, who perhaps never had a real toy?"

"At Christmas, very few of us are stingy with ourselves or our own little kiddies. For it is true that men and women do at Christmas time things which at any other time would be considered extravagant and unwise, but when did cold wisdom ever make a person happy? Edgar A. Guest, the writer who is so truly human, has said: 'I should not like to live in a world inhabited only by very wise people. I hope never to see a Christmas day come when it can truly be said that no one has spent more than he could afford, or given anything that is trivial or needless or foolish.'"

"Surely, then, we cannot deny these poor little kiddies a happy Christmas."

Contributions today include:

Previous total	\$56.80
C. L. of C.	5.00
So Cha Rea	5.00
Dr. Mangold	1.00
Daily Democrat	5.00
Friend	.41
Total	\$73.21

To Investigate Mental Condition Of Prisoner

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 8.—A sanity commission today will investigate the mental condition of Ora Cadwallader, prominent Christian church worker, charged with contributing to the delinquency of girls who were members of his Sunday school class. Cadwallader entered a plea of guilty to delinquency charges at a hearing in Crown Point yesterday morning.

At the hearing it developed that Cadwallader, three years ago, while a resident of Indianapolis, was sentenced to a term at the state reformatory on a similar charge.

Statesmen Sign Peace Pact



AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN, ARISTIDE BRIAND, DR. STRESEMANN & DR. BENES



DR. HANS LUTHER, COUNT SKRYNSKI, SIGNOR SCIALEJA & M. VANDERVELDE

The Locarno peace treaty for Europe was signed by Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Minister; Aristide Briand, new Premier of France; Dr. Stresemann, of Germany; Dr. Benes, of Czecho-Slovakia; Chancellor Luther, of Germany; Count Skrynski, of Poland; Signor Scialeja, of Italy, and M. Vandervelde, of Belgium.

GOV. FERGUSON MAKES DECISION

Woman Governor Of Texas Says She Will Not Call Special Session

Austin, Tex., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Answering demands of 44 signers to a petition for a special session of the state legislature, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson today issued a formal statement saying she would not call the extra session.

The petition gave the woman governor until Dec. 10 to make up her mind but in her statement she declared she did not need that much time.

"I have decided I will not call an extra session of the legislature at this time for the reason I do not see any necessity for putting the people of the state to the extra expense," the statement said.

A similar petition is in the hands of Speaker Satterwhite, who declared he would call a session Dec. 16. A session called by the speaker can not be for other purposes than impeachment.

Mentone To Build New Community Building

Mentone, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Business and professional men of Mentone and many farmers residing in this vicinity are backing a movement for a community building here to be erected at a cost of \$2,500. It is hoped to have the building completed before January 29 in order that the county high school basketball tournament may be held there.

A drive for subscriptions to the building fund is now being conducted.

Five Bandits Hold Up 13 Persons In A Bank

Anoka, Minn., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Five bandits entered the Anoka National bank shortly before noon today, held up 13 persons and escaped in an automobile with \$15,000 in currency and negotiable papers.

Fifteen-Pound Baby Born In Wells County

A boy baby, weighing fifteen pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Burns, of Wells county, Monday. Mother and babe are doing fine. This makes the tenth child, five boys and five girls, the oldest being 20 years old. Wells county school records show that the children are among the most intelligent children in the schools of the county. Mrs. Burns is the Wells county attendance officer. The family resides one-half mile north and one-half mile west of Key-stone.

President Leaves His Overcoat Behind In Rush To Catch Train

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(United Press).—A special messenger was enroute to Washington today to give President Coolidge the overcoat he left behind in his rush to catch his train yesterday.

Mr. Coolidge brought two overcoats with him on his trip to Chicago but in hurrying from the hotel he took only one of the lighter weight—the one he was wearing. The heavy ulster was left behind.

Hotel employees found the coat a few minutes after the president's train started to Washington and so a special messenger was employed to take it to Washington before night.

ELKS WILL GIVE BASKETS TO POOR

Lodge To Continue Custom Of Providing Christmas Dinner For The Needy

As has been the custom for many years, the Decatur lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will give out more than 50 Christmas baskets to the needy people in and near Decatur, it was announced today.

The baskets, which will contain chicken and other commodities that go toward making an ideal Christmas dinner, will be distributed the day before Christmas, according to present plans. Last year 70 baskets were distributed.

Three Senate Seats Subject To Contest

Washington, Dec. 8.—(United Press).—The rights of office of three senators who took their seats in the upper house of congress today are being challenged.

Contests have been filed against Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, Samuel G. Brattain, Democrat, New Mexico, and Thomas D. Schall, Republican, Minnesota.

There is also a likelihood of action against the new Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota, it being contended by some that he should not be seated because the governor who appointed him was not designated by law to make the appointment.



Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight followed by generally fair Wednesday. Colder in north portion.

ALUMNI URGED TO REPLY SOON

Husbands, Wives, Sweethearts Of D. H. S. Grads Invited to Home-coming

Many return cards have been received during the last two days by the committee in charge of the Decatur high school alumni and former teachers' home-coming, which will be held in this city December 28. Those in charge wish to announce that the wives, husbands and sweethearts of graduates, also, are cordially invited to attend the celebration.

It is the desire of those in charge that everyone who is planning to attend send their cards in at once. If the card has been lost, the alumni are urged to call the high school or write, stating how many seats they desire.

A few more addresses are incomplete and any information regarding them will be appreciated. They are: Mrs. Harriet Burns-Vogelweide, Francis Davidson, John Kern, John Jones, Mrs. Esther R. Miller, Mrs. Etta Rosebrough, Alice Rice, Lulu Brown, Mrs. Paul Kendall, Mrs. Joe Krabill.

The program committee has started working on the plans for the banquet and a good program is assured to all those who attend. Those who can not attend all the program are invited to come to all parts that they can.

Three Men Partially Overcome By Smoke

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Three men today are recovering from the effects of being partially overcome by smoke in a hotel fire here.

Twenty-six other guests at the hotel had narrow escapes from death in the smoke-filled building.

Two Boys Sentenced For Robbing Grocery

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Sentences of one to eight years in the state reformatory at Pendleton were imposed today on Leonard Rosner, 18, and Harry Turner, 19, for robbing a grocery store. The boys live in Grand Beach, Mich.

Woman Turns Shoplifter To Get Christmas Gifts

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Craving Christmas things for her mother and herself she was unable to buy, Amelia Brane, 46, a music teacher of Seymour, turned shoplifter, she admitted to authorities today. She was charged with stealing silk hose, silk bloomers and other articles from a store here.

"I prayed I would be able to get by with the thefts," she told arresting officers.

Berenger Named French Ambassador To America

Paris, Dec. 8.—Henry Berenger, noted parliamentary financial expert, was today named by the Briand cabinet as ambassador to Washington to succeed Ambassador Dueschener, who is to return here.

President Doumergue approved the appointment, which, it is understood, is only a temporary one permitting Berenger to negotiate a debt settlement with the United States and then return to his parliamentary duties here.

TRACTION BRIDGE IS WRECKED TODAY

Interurban Car Almost Falls Into River At Bluffton This Morning

Bluffton, Dec. 8.—An interurban freight train, loaded with goods, almost fell into the river at the edge of town here early this morning, when one end of the Indiana Union Traction company bridge, across the Wabash river collapsed. The last section of a five-car freight traction jumped the track just as it was passing over the bridge, enroute to Port Wayne.

An end of the car hit the side of the bridge with such a jar that the holding beam broke and the bridge started to fall. The north end of the iron bridge dropped down more than two feet, and it appeared for a while as though the entire bridge would drop into the river. Officials of the traction company were notified at once and work has already started on reconstruction of the north end of the bridge.

During the construction of the bridge, the service continues. Passengers from Port Wayne are taken off the interurban just north of the bridge and transported to Bluffton in a bus and there are sent on to their destination in another car. Baggage also is taken care of with the aid of several large trucks.

It is thought that it will be several days before the bridge will be rebuilt for use but the interurban service will continue.

Evansville To Have A River-Rail Terminal

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—A river-rail terminal to serve Evansville and southern Indiana seems assured today following announcement that the Kelly A. and Tool company of Charleston, W. Va., has purchased Ohio river frontage and completed plans for construction of a first unit. The terminal will serve as a loading medium between railroad cars and river barges. City engineers have given their approval of the plans, which call for a 200 foot frontage for the first unit.

Gun Shot Wounds Three Years Old, Blamed For Death

Noblesville, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Gun shot wounds received more than three years ago today were blamed for the death of Ulysses Mossler, 47.

Mossler was shot three years ago by Charles Linton, a high school youth, when he objected to the boy paying attention to his daughter.

East Haven Patient Hurls Self Into Path Of Train

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Thomas C. Meyers, of Upland, is in a serious condition at a hospital here today from injuries received when he threw himself in front of a Pennsylvania train near here.

The man was a patient at the East Haven hospital.

Man Dies Week After Being Shot By Wife

Clinton, Ind., Dec. 8.—Millard Clinton, 43, is dead here today as the result of wounds suffered a week ago when he was shot by his wife.

Mrs. Clinton, who is known to have suffered spells of temporary insanity, killed herself after shooting her husband.

MIXED APPLAUSE AND CRITICISM GREET MESSAGE

"Join World Court" Advises Executive; Many Issues Are Covered

SEES AN ERA OF GREAT PROSPERITY

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 8.—The message of President Coolidge to congress was greeted with mixed applause and criticism in the house and senate today.

The president's farm relief and muscle shoals proposals were chiefly singled out as objectionable by members of the old farm bloc and the insurgents.

His world court stand met approval from democrats and some republicans, but it found no sympathy with the "irreconcilable group" which is fighting the court.

Due to the extensive number of issues covered, every congressman, no matter what his political affiliations, could find something to sanction and something to criticize.

Chairman Borah, foreign relations committee, opposed the stand of the President of American adherence to the world court but favored his plans for handling the coal strike. Borah intends to introduce a coal bill along the suggested lines.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(United Press).—The nation is reaching into an era of great prosperity and needs only extension of present policies rather than any experiment with untried theories, President Coolidge told the new Congress today in his annual message.

Preserve economy, he said, but do not cut to the bone. Enact a business tax bill, but keep reduction within the bounds of propriety; join the world court and promote American good will abroad; expand the air defense, but make no radical change in the present system; help the farmer but do not try to fix his prices. Present

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Kosciusko County Grand Jury Has No Work To Do

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 8.—(United Press).—Kosciusko county is practically free from crime, judging from the statement of Morrison Rockhill, prosecuting attorney.

Rockhill, announcing that the grand jury session would be held during December said:

"No cases of a criminal nature have been called to my attention for investigation."

MORE SUBSCRIBE FOR FAIR STOCK

Two Men From Outside Of County Buy Stock In Agricultural Association

More subscribers for stock in the Adams County Agricultural Association are being obtained each day by E. B. Williamson, organizer. Seven new names have been added to the list of subscribers since the list of eighty was published last week. Among the latest subscribers are two persons who live outside Adams county, M. S. Daugherty, of Washington County, Ohio, a brother of Hugh Daugherty, former attorney general of the United States, has subscribed for stock in the association. Mr. Daugherty owns oil property in the vicinity of Geneva. J. B. Schaffer, of South Bend, has asked for stock in the enterprise, also.

The new names added to the list are: Samuel Acker, the Koeber Lambton, 43, is dead here today as the result of wounds suffered a week ago when he was shot by his wife. Mrs. Clinton, who is known to have suffered spells of temporary insanity, killed herself after shooting her husband.