

Decatur, Indiana, Thursday, December 10, 1925.

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PRESIDENT LAUDS AMERICAN AVIATION

SCORE OF MINERS ENTOMBED; LITTLE HOPE FOR RESCUE

Workers Imprisoned In Alabama Mine by Explosion; Three Bodies Removed

OFFICIALS BELIEVE ALL WORKERS PERISH

(United Press) Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 10.—Little hope was held out today for the rescue of from 10 to 20 miners imprisoned in No. 2 slope of the Overton mines of the Alabama Ore and Iron Co., following an explosion.

Company officials expressed the opinion that all may have perished in the blast as the after damp was strong enough to hamper rescue.

At 1:30 p. m. three bodies had been taken from the mine and rescue workers sent word to the surface that two more had been found.

Clean Up Of Ohio State University Is Started

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Armed with instructions from Gov. Vic Donahoe to "clean up the campus and weed out members of the faculty who have communistic tendencies," the board of trustees of Ohio State university began an extensive inquiry today as the result of the arrest of Prof. Dabney Horton, a part time instructor in English, on liquor law violation charges.

A fifty gallon still, one quart of whiskey and 3 gallons of molasses which state dry agents classified "for rum making purposes," were seized in the basement of Horton's home Tuesday night. The professor was arrested yesterday and in addition to being charged with violating the prohibition law was accused of being a "parlor communist" who wrote for communistic publications.

Thirty-eight School Buildings Condemned

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(By United Press)—Thirty-eight school buildings in various parts of the state have been condemned by the division of school hygiene of the state board of public health during the last year.

H. R. Gondrey, director of the division said that in all instances the buildings were condemned because of unsanitary conditions.

The majority of those condemned were one room structures and had been in use for many years.

TAGGART BACKS EVANS WOOLLEN

Dean of Indiana Democratic Politicians Endorses Senatorial Candidates

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Politics began to boom in earnest in democratic circles here today following a statement of Thomas Taggart, dean of Indiana democratic politicians endorsing Evans Woollen, as a candidate for the party's senatorial nomination.

It is understood that party leaders agreed to support Woollen for the short term senatorial post held by Arthur R. Robinson, and that other candidates will be discouraged from making the race.

With Woollen the only avowed candidate in the senatorial race, interest has now centered on the candidates who will oppose Senator James E. Watson for the long term.

There is a concerted move on foot to have Dan Simms, Lafayette attorney, make the race, while Dr. Carleton B. McCulloch is also being urged for the place.

Another likely candidate is Joseph Cravens, of Madison, democratic leader in the state senate. Lincoln Dixon, formerly representative in congress from the fourth district also is being mentioned for the post.

Bill For Farm Price Fixing Is Introduced

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A proposal to fix the price of agricultural products arbitrarily like the interstate commerce commission fixes railroad rates was contained in a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Shipstead, farmer-labor of Minnesota.

A government export corporation would give the farmer a fair return based on the aggregate value of his property used in production. It is the most far-reaching farm relief bill yet proposed.

CITY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DEC. 18

Public Schools To Have Two Weeks' Vacation; To Resume Work Jan. 4.

Decatur public schools will be dismissed Friday, December 18, for the annual Christmas vacation and school will be resumed again, January 4. Superintendent M. F. Wortham announced yesterday. The vacation will be two weeks in length.

This ruling applies only to the five public schools in Decatur. County schools will not dismiss until December 24, according to a ruling made recently by the Adams County Board of Education.

The semester will not end in the public schools, however, until about the first week in February, according to present plans.

Several attractions of interest to high school pupils and alumni have been arranged for the Christmas vacation. Among them will be the big homecoming to be held on December 28, and the basketball game with Bluffton high school here on December 29.

Laporte Man Killed When Auto Strikes His Wagon

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Ward Cadwell, driver of a Gary baking company truck, was held by police following an accident today in which Walter Zimmerman, 55, of La Porte, was killed. Cadwell's automobile struck a wagon on which Zimmerman was riding.

UNITED BRETHREN WILL "LISTEN IN"

Local Congregation To Hear Radio Program From Otterbein Home

The United Brethren will have a radio service at their local church here Saturday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock, when they will tune in on a Cincinnati station where the children of the Otterbein Home, the orphanage of the United Brethren church, will broadcast a special Christmas program. The home has a large band and much musical talent and has been invited on several occasions by different broadcasting stations to furnish an evening program.

The plan of having the churches throughout America tune in has been deemed a good way to get the people acquainted with the home and to give them an evening's program as well. The Decatur Auto Top and Paint Shop of this city, has gladly agreed to install one of its best radios for the occasion. The public, as well as the friends of the church, are invited to come Saturday evening and listen in.

Knights Of Pythias To Nominate Officers Tonight

The Decatur lodge of the Knights of Pythias will hold an important meeting at their home on Third street tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be nominated at tonight's meeting.

The first rank initiatory ceremony will be given tonight for several candidates and all members are urged to attend.

FARMERS ADOPT PROGRAM; OPPOSE COOLIDGE'S WISH

Radical Element Of Farm Bureau Federation Wins In Convention

S. H. THOMPSON IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Chicago, Dec. 10—The American farmer, as represented by the American Farm Bureau federation, today found himself pledged to a program of agricultural relief contrary to the wishes of President Coolidge and the republican administration.

In the election of S. H. Thompson, of Quincy, Ill., to succeed O. E. Bradfute as president, the so-called radical element of the federation demonstrated its control and then went further in the adoption of resolutions which are out of harmony with the national administration's program.

Radical Resolutions

Chief among the "radical" resolutions was one which pledges the federation to support a bill in congress for a government export corporation for the handling of surplus American grains. It is hoped in this way that domestic grain prices will be regulated on the American cost of living scale.

President Coolidge, who made a special trip to Chicago last Monday to address the federation, had urged the farmers to discourage government price fixing, arguing that such a move would be to the farmers' own disadvantage.

Split By Coolidge's Address

The president's address split the

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PYTHIANS HOLD DISTRICT MEET

Annual Session Held At Ossian; Next Meeting At Huntington In 1926

Eleven members of the Decatur Knights of Pythias attended the annual eleventh district meeting held yesterday afternoon and evening at Ossian under the auspices of the Ossian lodge. The meeting next year will be held at Huntington, it was decided at the closing session held last night.

The meeting was divided into two sessions. The first session opened yesterday afternoon. A banquet was held last night at the Methodist church in Ossian, and several hundred Knights attended. Dr. F. A. Priest of Marion, Grand Chancellor Lane, District Deputy R. G. Knoff, of Bluffton, and the Rev. Mr. Elzy, of Fort Wayne, delivered addresses. Rev. Elzy welcomed the visiting delegations.

During the banquet, a free-will offering was taken for the K. of P. home, a site for which will be selected in the next few days, and more than \$100 was collected for the worthy cause. D. B. Erwin, former grand Chancellor, and ten other Decatur men attended the meeting.

They were: John E. Nelson, H. D. Hite, A. D. Suttles, J. R. Parrish, Howard Weller, Roy Mumma, Joe Hunter, Murl Foreman, H. S. Michaud and W. A. Lower. Mr. Lower is chairman of the state committee which will select the site for the new Pythian home. The Decatur delegation returned last night.

During the evening session, the Third Rank was conferred on several candidates of the district.

Pleasant Mills Talent To Give Lyceum Number

The home-talent number of the Lyceum course of the Pleasant Mills high school will be given Wednesday evening, December 16, at 8 o'clock. This number is made up of local talent and consists of readings, vocal and instrumental music, and a play "The Arrival of Billy." The public is invited to attend.

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

Many good bargains are being offered the Christmas shoppers by Decatur merchants. Read their special Christmas offers appearing in the advertising of tonight's Daily Democrat. All local merchants have decorated their windows for the Holiday season and they all contain many good bargains.

Read the ads in the Daily Democrat and then do your shopping with Decatur stores and save from 10 to 25 per cent on your Christmas shopping.

HOUSE TIRES OF DEBATE ON TAX REDUCTION BILL

Interest In Discussion Is Warning As Flood Of Oratory Continues

FIERY SPEECHES HELP TO RELIEVE MONOTONY

(United Press) Washington, D. C., Dec. 10—Showing signs of tiring from extended debate the house settled back today to hear further arguments on the \$325,000,000 federal tax reduction bill.

Interest in debate on the new revenue measure began to wane yesterday when many members left the chamber during the flood of oratory. Some enthusiasm was afforded by fiery speeches by Representative Rainey, Illinois, and Hull, Tennessee, democrats, in opposition to the measure, and a spirited reply by Representative Mills, republican of New York.

Amendments will be in order when the bill comes up under the five minute rule.

Borah Seeks Recognition Of Soviet Russia Again

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A resolution calling for recognition of soviet Russia was introduced in the senate today by Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

Borah asked that it lie on the table so that it could be called up at any time, rather than being delayed by reference to a committee.

It is the same resolution Borah introduced at the last session.

ELKS COMPLETE DEDICATION PLANS

All Elks Invited; Dr. Archbold Heads Christmas Dinner Committee

Dr. Roy Archbold was appointed chairman of the Elks annual Christmas dinner committee at a meeting of the lodge last night. The Elks, each year distribute Christmas dinners to all worthy persons in Decatur and this vicinity. Dr. Archbold has had charge of the distribution for several years.

Plans were furthered for the dedication and initiation to be held at the Elks home next Tuesday. Herman Yager, chairman of the dedication committee, announced that the plans had been almost completed. All Elks are invited to attend the ceremonies and banquet and all Elks and their families are invited to attend the social gathering to be held Tuesday evening after the initiation and dedication. Dancing and other entertainment will be on the program.

The Elks also voted to donate \$10 to the Good Fellow Club campaign being conducted by the Delta Theta Tau sorority of this city. Regular business consumed the remainder of the meeting.

Transportation Terminal Problem Bothering Warsaw

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Members of the Warsaw city council and chamber of commerce continue to struggle with the problem of providing a terminal for the various transportation units are making stops where ever convenient in the city.

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FEDERAL ROADS WILL BE PAVED

Highway Through Decatur To Be Hard-surfaced; Others To Be Paved

"United States road No. 27, extending from Sheboygan, Michigan, south through Angola, Fort Wayne, Decatur, Portland and Richmond, terminating at Cincinnati, Ohio, will be paved, as far as Indiana is concerned, as soon as the state finances will warrant it," said George E. Hershman, of Crown Point, a member of the state highway commission, last night at a dinner meeting of representatives from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, held at Angola. Three hundred and sixty good roads boosters attended the session, which was held at the Masonic Temple, under the auspices of the Angola chamber of commerce.

It was stated at the meeting that the two federal roads passing through Angola and the three passing through Fort Wayne will be paved as soon as the necessary funds are provided by the state. The meeting was probably one of the most noteworthy ever held in the northern section of the state, and the explanations of federal road system by Mr. Hershman, and Frank B. Rogers, a member of the Michigan highway commission, were most complete.

Mr. Hershman declared that the only limit to hard surfacing roads in Indiana is the size of the treasury of the state with reference to the road funds."

"Indiana already has better rural roads than neighboring states and the distribution of the hard surfacing of the roads in the state must be conducted in such a manner as not to

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CONGRESS TODAY

(By United Press)

Senate

Senate meets for brief session.

Privileges and elections sub-committee meets on Brookhart contest.

Hoover to appear before irrigation and reclamation committee on Swing Johnson bill.

House

Continues consideration of tax reduction bill.

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Three Earthquake Shocks Are Recorded At St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Three distinct earthquake shocks, the greatest lasting 13 minutes, were recorded on the seismograph at St. Louis university here today.

The tremors started recording at 8:20 a. m. and the last record was at 9:23 a. m.

Attendants said that the earthquake was about 1,700 miles away, probably in Central America. The impressions here were quite distinct, seismographs said.

FAVORS CREATION OF A BUREAU OF AIR NAVIGATION

Nation's Executive Tells Congress That U. S. Leads In Aircraft Development

APPROVES REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10—President Coolidge informed congress today that aircraft development in the United States is maintaining an advanced position.

In a letter submitting the eleventh annual report of the national advisory committee for aeronautics, which he characterized as "the most authoritative that can be had," the president supported the committee's recommendations for further scientific investigation and creation of a bureau of air navigation in the commerce department.

The report "should dispel the impression that America is lagging in the technical development of aircraft for military purposes," the president said.

Washington, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—A report recommending a department of national defense and agreeing with many criticisms of the present air policy as voiced by Colonel William Mitchell was unanimously adopted today by the house air craft committee.

Deputies from the industrial board and the fire marshal's office will attend numerous games during the basketball season to guard against over-crowding.

Volunteer Firemen At Berne Elect Officers

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Trustees Are Forming A Legislative Program

Indianapolis, Dec. 10.—(United Press)—Formulation of the legislative program that will be sponsored by the Indiana State Association of Township Trustees in 1927 was already in progress today.